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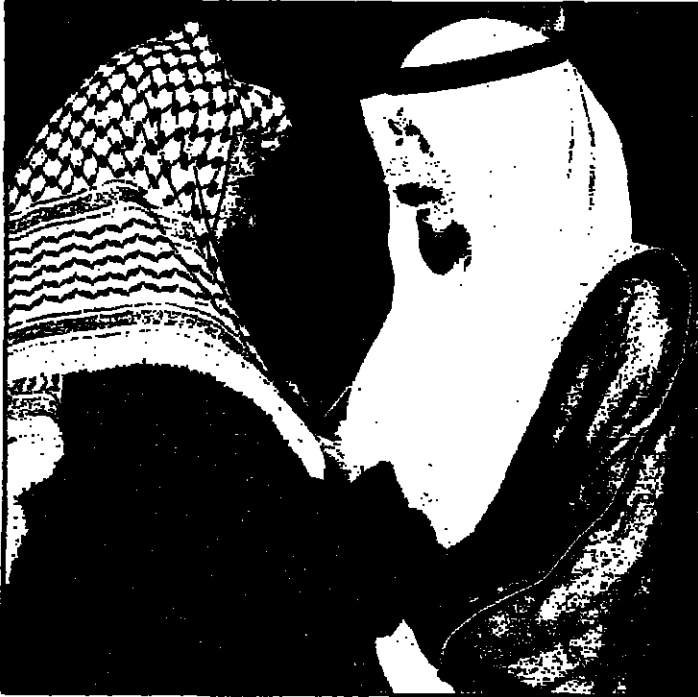
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Cabinet rejects arm-twisting, hopes for final and fair settlement of all issues

Arafat praises Amir Premier to head Kuwait delegation

PLO chief hopeful

By Lima Al Khalafawi
 Arab Times staff
 THE chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Yasser Arafat who arrived here Saturday night for a two-day visit met with HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince.
 Arafat, described his visit as positive and fruitful and praised the efforts extended by HH the Amir in alleviating the plight of citizens in the occupied territories. He also understood the deep concern manifested by HH the Amir towards the influx of Jewish immigrants to Israel and the occupied territories, including addressing other problems facing the Arab world.
 Arafat said that his own personal efforts had supplemented the efforts of other Arab officials in bringing about an end to the "cloud" that had hovered over relations between the two brothers.
 Commenting on the Lebanese situation, Arafat said that the "flare-up" between Amal and (Continued on Page 11)



Arafat meets HH the Amir

KUWAIT, July 29. (Kuna): Kuwait today welcomed the Jeddah planned meeting to resolve the transient dispute with Iraq through objective dialogue and within premises of the Arab family and announced that Kuwait's delegation to the meeting will be headed by His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.
 A government statement, issued following a regular cabinet session today.

Two Holy Mosques and Egypt's president, for understanding Kuwait's position and the sincere keenness on resolving the difference with Iraq by peaceful means and through fraternal dialogue, the cabinet renewed absolute rejection of all forms of arm-twisting, intimidation and the use of force in settlement of disputes among brothers.

In particular, the government statement highly valued the sincere good offices of King Fahd and President Mubarak, out of their genuine belief in Arab solidarity and endeavour to serve the supreme national interest, which had paved the way to the fraternal meeting between Kuwait and Iraq, to convene in Saudi Arabia, under auspices of the kingdom and Egypt.

Meanwhile an authoritative Saudi official said in Jeddah Kuwait and Iraq agreed to meet in Jeddah on Tuesday to discuss their dispute that erupted last week.

Speaking to the Saudi Press Agency, SPA, the official noted that the agreement comes according to the "desire of both brotherly states Kuwait and Iraq to hold a joint meeting to discuss issues of mutual concern."

His Highness the Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and Vice-Chairman of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council Ezzal Ibrahim are scheduled to preside over their (Continued on Page 11)

underlined Kuwait's sincere wish and hope for success of the meeting, in an earnest step to reach a fair and conclusive settlement of all outstanding differences and issues between Kuwait and Iraq, with the blessing and follow-up of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.
 Expressing appreciation to leaders of Arab states, particularly the Custodian of the

Drunken Lebanese gunman gives up after 10-hour ordeal



A gunman who held dozens of people hostage is led by police after his surrender. (Reuters wirephoto)



Police escort freed hostages after their release from a London nightclub where they were held by a gunman. (Reuters wirephoto)

Trinidad premier reported wounded

PORT-OF-SPAIN, July 29. (Agencies): Black Muslim rebels, who seized Trinidad and Tobago's prime minister and other cabinet ministers and wired them to explosives in a coup attempt, claimed today they had worked out a tentative deal granting them amnesty and a promise of elections.

But the government did not confirm the deal and said the captive officials, including Prime Minister A.N.R. Robinson, who was wounded in Friday's coup attempt, were "hostages."

Random gunfire was heard throughout today in the capital of the Caribbean island, a former British colony with a population of 1.3 million.

Government broadcasts, confirmed by the rebels, said Robinson and two other cabinet ministers had been wounded in Friday's assault on parliament house.

While rebel spokesman Abdullah refused to elaborate on how Robinson was shot, he said "it is not really a serious injury and it is being well treated."

Robinson, he said, was receiving medical attention from Health Minister Emmanuel Hosein, a medical doctor.

Rebels loyal to Abu Bakr, a former policeman who leads the Muslim sect that launched the coup attempt, were holding Robinson and some 40 other hostages in the parliament building, known as the Red House, and buildings housing a radio and a television station.

Jones Madeira, news director of the government television station and a captive, said by telephone today that the agreement provided that an interim government of major political parties would run the country until the elections are held.

Madreia was reached by telephone in the television station, where he said he and 30 other employees were being held. He said 10 others were captives at Radio Trinidad in an adjoining building.

The television station is several miles northwest of Red House, where the prime minister and other government leaders were being held.

"My information is that Prime Minister Robinson has agreed to step down and that an interim government of major political parties will run the country until elections are held in 90 days," Madeira said.

Madreia said Bakr's rebels and the government were continuing their negotiations at the parliament building over terms of an amnesty demanded by the Muslims.

The rebels stormed the television station and the parliament building Friday night, firing automatic weapons and taking the prime minister and several cabinet members hostage. An explosion also struck police headquarters. The rebels accused the government of corruption and drug-dealing and claimed to have overthrown it.

The government denied it had fallen. Its radio reported sporadic gunbattles since Friday.

Positive signal for dialogue

Arafat gets Carter note

KUWAIT, July 29. (Kuna): Palestinian President Yasser Arafat received a letter today from former American president Jimmy Carter and diplomats here believe the letter could pave the way for resuming the suspended American-Palestinian dialogue.

Arafat's information adviser Bassam Abu Sharif told Kuwait News Agency that the letter, which he described as "positive" in general, expressed "feelings of grave concern" over the latest developments in the Middle East.

Without going into the details, Abu Sharif said the letter was delivered by a special American envoy.

The letter, he noted, underlined the necessity for pushing forward the peace process, deadlocked because of Israel's stubborn rejection of American and Arab peace initiatives.

Diplomats closely following the developments said Carter's message could "pave the road for resumption of the suspended American-Palestinian dialogue."

They added that the former American president's efforts were not carried out against the desire and directions of the American administration.

Carter, a frequent traveller to the Middle East region, closely monitors the developments of the Arab-Israeli conflict and holds talks with leaders in the area on how to find a viable solution to the question.

Abu Sharif said Arafat sent a reply letter to Carter in which the Palestinian leader explained the paramount perils surrounding the current stage and expressed "a genuine desire to reach for means of eliminating these perils ... and pushing forward the peace process."



Turner performs

Tina Turner sings to an audience of 60,000 people at Woburn Abbey, a 17th century stately home in Bedfordshire, England. (Reuters wirephoto)

Kuwait welcomes Opec deal

KUWAIT, July 29. (Agencies): Kuwait today welcomed the outcome of the recent meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and urged other member states to adhere to their Opec-decreed quotas to boost prices, an official statement said.

"The Council of Ministers welcomes the good results of the (Opec) ministerial council, hoping that all member states would stick to their output quotas to contribute to strengthening the stability of the world oil market, and boosting the cohesion of the organisation in the interests of all member states," the statement said.

"Kuwait is in favour of a hike in crude prices provided it comes within a collective and binding agreement," the statement said.

Such price rise, will increase (Continued on Page 13)

London night-club siege ends

Number of Arabs among 115 freed unhurt

LONDON, July 29. (Agencies): A gunman who held more than 100 hostages in a London night-club and demanded a plane to fly to Beirut surrendered to police today and his last remaining captives were freed unharmed.

The siege ended after 10 1/2 hours when the gunman was persuaded to leave his last six hostages and walk up a staircase where police were waiting, said Det. Supt. Alex Edwards of Scotland Yard. He was taken

to a police station for questioning. Police said some hostages needed medical attention and one was taken out on a stretcher. They were checked by doctors at the scene but none needed to be hospitalised.

The hostages included some Arabs, according to club-goer Yacoub Ibrahim who escaped. The club, Tokyo Joe's on Clarges Street off Piccadilly, is a favourite haunt of Middle Easterners and Scotland Yard confirmed a number of Arabs had been there though it gave no names.

Rescuers hear sounds from quake rubble

MANILA, July 29. (Reuters): Sounds of movement from the rubble of a quake-devastated hotel in the northern Philippines boosted hopes today that there might still be survivors trapped for 13 days in the ruins, officials said.

Teams of miners have intensified their search for survivors after recovering a man and a woman alive on Friday from 11 days of entombment in the rubble of the Hyatt Hotel in Baguio City.

The two survivors, who were airlifted to a Manila hospital today, said they survived by drinking rainwater and urine.

"The miners said that sometimes they hear sounds of movement" in the rubble, said Congressman Honorato Aquino, who is helping supervise rescue attempts in Baguio, 200 kms (120 miles) north of Manila. "They are continuously digging."

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The gunman, who appeared to be Lebanese, had been armed with a 12 bore shotgun, a .303 rifle, live ammunition, a bayonet, a replica hand gun and a hoax bomb, Edwards said.

"The bomb was a sophisticated hoax," Edwards said. "It appears he had put some great effort into his planning."

His motive for taking the hostages remained a mystery, Edwards said. Several hostages said he claimed relatives of he or his English wife were being held hostage in Beirut.

Edwards, who commanded the operation, said the gunman consumed "excessive alcohol" during the siege and appeared to have taken drugs.

His demands changed constantly and at one point, he threatened to kill himself, the superintendent said.

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Currency Rates

THE Central Bank of Kuwait currency rates against the Kuwaiti dinar on July 29, valued for July 31, 1990.

Currency	Buying	Selling
US dollar	288.42	289.57
Sterling	530.36	532.806
Deutsche mark	178.92	179.968
Swiss franc	211.839	212.997
French franc	053.455	053.743
Italian lire	000244	000246
Japanese yen	001927	001948
Bahraini dinar	764.836	768.395
Qatari riyal	079.192	079.595
Saudi riyal	076.871	077.139
Omani riyal	748.851	752.520
UAE dirham	078.503	078.858

Fighting sinks mercy mission

35 killed in S. Lebanon battle

SIDON, July 28. (AP): Palestinian commandos wrested two key hills from Iranian-backed fundamentalists today in savage combat that forced the Red Cross to cancel a mercy mission to remove decomposing corpses.

Police said at least 35 combatants were killed and 90 wounded in 36 hours of fighting for the Hamadeh and Sakhrish hills near the zone Israel occupies in south Lebanon. That raised the toll to 180 dead and 536 wounded since the region erupted July 16.

The casualties included seven Palestinian dead and 12 wounded. The rest were Lebanese militiamen of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah and the pro-Syrian Amal, a police spokesman said. He cannot be named in line with standing regulations.

Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation commandos have openly intervened on Amal's

side in an attack launched before dawn yesterday to dislodge Hezbollah from the strategic village of Kfar Milki, the spokesman said.

The Sakhrish and Hamadeh hills above Kfar Milki command all supply routes to Hezbollah's 50-man garrison holed up in the village, whose 5,000 inhabitants have already fled their homes.

Kfar Milki is six miles (10 kms) southeast of Sidon, where the PLO has its main bases. The fighting later spread to Jarjou on the southeastern edge of Hezbollah's enclave in Iqlim Al Tuffah, or the apple region.

The all-Swiss International Committee of the Red Cross called for a four-hour "mercy ceasefire" at 10 am (0700 GMT) today to allow Red Cross teams to evacuate corpses that have been rotting for days in Jarjou.

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Enforcement of Shariah, Benazir govt's dilemma

ISLAMABAD, July 29. (AP): More than a year after the restoration of liberal democracy in Pakistan, a debate is raging over whether the country should return to the strict Islamic law, known as Shariah, advocated by the late military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

In May, the opposition-dominated Senate passed by a wide margin a bill that would give a special Shariah court of Islamic clerics the right to strike down any piece of legislation that did not conform with the Quran, the Muslim holy book.

allow amputation and flogging as legal punishments, suppress the rights of women, ban entertainment deemed un-Islamic and forbid banks from charging interest on loans.

The National Assembly, where Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party holds a slim majority, must vote on the bill by Aug 12, 90 days after its passage by the Senate. Parliament is expected to reconvene this week.

If it does not vote on the measure or approves it with amendments, the Senate can call a joint session of parliament in

which the opposition would have a clear majority.

Analysts say the issue has left Bhutto's 17-month-old government in a dilemma. If it passes the legislation, the Shariah court would have authority over the elected parliament. But if it opposes the bill, it would be seen to be un-Islamic, a charge frequently levelled already by opposition leaders.

"The debate in the assembly is sure to be contentious," said one Pakistani commentator. "People could exploit comments by government members to whip up the emotions of fundamentalists

in the country."

Earlier this month a council of senior Muslim clerics condemned Bhutto for reportedly denouncing the Islamic punishment of amputation as "improper and unsuitable." The clerics threatened street protests unless the prime minister retracts the remarks.

The Shariah issue has also highlighted the divisions in the country, which was founded as a theocratic Islamic state but has introduced liberal democracy.

Just as the San Andreas fault reminded San Francisco of its destructive potential last year, so

this year we have been warned of the tremendous pressures building up between the two ideologies upon which our nation is built," said a recent editorial in the weekly Friday Times newspaper.

The government has left no doubt about its opposition to the bill.

"If this bill becomes law, (an Islamic judge) sitting somewhere in the country will end up legislating for all of us," Law and Justice Minister Ifkhar Gillani has said.

"There's going to be total legislative chaos. Our foreign invest-

mentors won't touch us with a barge pole, for instance. The entire financial system will collapse."

A meeting of women's groups called the legislation "a threat to the constitution and to democracy." Leaders of the minority Shia Muslim community say their concerns have been ignored and the legislation would only intensify sectarian conflict.

Supporters of the bill contend that because Pakistan was founded as an Islamic state after the 1947 division of the Indian sub-continent, Shariah should be the

supreme law. Many see Shariah as a cure for such problems as law and order, official corruption and poverty.

"Entrusting law-making to parliament can only breed injustice, disparity and endless troubles," said one letter to a newspaper supporting Shariah.

President Ghulam Ishaq Khan described the bill's passage through the Senate as "historic" and declared that most of Pakistan's overwhelmingly Muslim population of more than 100 million support a return of Shariah.

SACP stages biggest rally

SOWETO, July 29. (AP): Nelson Mandela accused the government today of making an allegation about a communist conspiracy in order to delay peace talks.

Mandela spoke at a ceremony where tens of thousands of cheering blacks celebrated the launch of the South African Communist Party.

Mandela, in a strong defence of the Communist Party, charged there was a conspiracy to create anti-communist hysteria with claims that communists had plotted to seize power. He rejected government warnings about the allegations were creating obstacles to talks on ending white rule.

"To suggest... that these outstanding sons and daughters of our people harbour ideas of unilateral military action against the peace process is an insult manufactured by the enemies of democracy who have built conspiratorial nests within... the power structures of this country," Mandela said.

"If it is genuinely interested in peace and negotiations, the government must act to bring about this result," Mandela said at the launching of the SACP as a mainline political party.

Mandela said his African National Congress was not a Marxist movement, but respected the right of communists and others to hold differing beliefs.

"They have never sought to transform the ANC into a tool and puppet of the Communist Party," and some claimed, Mandela said.

Police claim communists and militants in the ANC's military wing had stockpiled weapons and were formulating plans to seize power if talks between the government and the ANC on ending white-minority rule fail. President F.W. de Klerk has reportedly asked Mandela to drop the communists from the talks.

The ANC and the government are to meet Aug 6 to try to clear the way to begin full-scale talks. About 35,000 people, nearly all black, turned out for the launch of the South African Communist Party, which was banned for 40 years by the South African government. Thousands sang, chanted slogans and waved red hammer and sickle flags during the rally at a football stadium in the black township outside Johannesburg.

"Socialism or death" and "build the workers' vanguard," proclaimed red banners. Scores of people waved red flags or danced in the aisles of the stadium. "Viva, South African Communists Party, viva," the crowd roared.

Communist officials told the crowd many people had been stopped from attending, but gave no details. Mandela was given a huge ovation when he arrived with Communist Party Secretary-General Joe Slovo and other top communist leaders. The two leaders walked around the field, waving at the wildly cheering crowd.

Slovo also denied the charges of a communist plot, saying, "this is an outright and deliberate lie."

He also defended the opposition's right to defend itself. "Until the police stop hunting blacks... we have a right not only to protest, but to defend ourselves," he said.

Slovo said communists were hated by many whites because they were among the first to fight apartheid. "They fear socialism... they fear us even more than the devil," he said.

Slovo said the communists would work for democratic and economic equality. He said communism led to mistakes in other nations, but the SACP had learned from those mistakes and it would play a major role in transforming South Africa. He said the party was committed to democracy and peaceful change as a party of the working class.

"But at least many socialists recognise some of the mistakes and misdeeds. In Moscow, they are building a monument to the victims of Stalin's terror. There is no such recognition of the crimes of colonialism," he said.

London

Relief barman Peter Antonello, 53, said the gunman demanded a bus and plane to take him to Beirut with 60 Arab hostages.

"He just said he was doing it for his wife who had gone to Beirut with their three children this morning," the barman said. "A lot of what he said just didn't make sense. But at one stage he said: 'God sent me to do it and I don't care if I burn myself up,'" he said.

The barman said he was forced to help the man count the hostages, which at the time totalled 115.

When the man burst into the club about 1:45 am (0045 GMT), he fired one gun and told club members to "get downstairs," said doorman Dennis Tuerena, 38, who escaped with two others and alerted police.

Armed officers surrounded the club and detectives started lengthy negotiations with the man. Many patrons managed to escape and some were released including two freed by the gunman in exchange for two smoked



A policewoman escorts two freed hostages from London nightclub. (Reuters wirephoto)

salmon sandwiches, Edwards said.

Antonello said the gunman forced several British girls to sit in front of him on a coffee table as a human shield while he crouched behind them to avoid possi-

bly being hit by a police marksman.

Christina Broderick, 20, who was part of the human shield, said the gunman was "drunk and coked to the sky. He was drinking from a bottle of Black Label,

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and fell over breaking it and cutting his leg open."

"He asked me to get a packet from his jacket. He took two grams of cocaine there and then. He just kept falling over and I took my chance and ran away," she said.

She said she believed he hoped in some way to exchange some of the Arab hostages for his relations in Beirut.

The gunman had expressed hatred for Arabs, Jews and English in turn, she added.

Noel Toro, 35, held hostage for eight hours, said the gunman threatened to blow himself up along with everyone else in the building using what he said was dynamite strapped to his waist.

When the siege ended at 12.10 pm (1110 GMT), the gunman, wrapped in a red blanket which covered his head, emerged first and was searched before being bundled into a police vehicle.

Indian government violated court order in Bhopal case

NEW DELHI, July 29. (UPI): India's attorney-general on Friday was unable to answer questions from the Supreme Court about why the government violated a court order and converted \$465 million into rupees after receiving payments following the Bhopal gas disaster.

Chief justice Sabyasachi Mukherjee asked the Indian Attorney-General, Soli Sorabjee, to explain reasons for the violation of the Supreme Court directive to keep the compensation intact in US dollars with the state-owned Reserve Bank of India.

with the government.

The development came during a court trial to decide several petitions that seeks the annulment of a \$470 million accord between the Indian government and the multinational company.

The petitioners also demanded that the compensation amount should be withheld from the US company till a decision on damages payable is decided.

The company within a month of the February 1989 accord paid \$465 million. It had, prior to the agreement, remitted \$5 million to India for relief work and that

amount was adjusted against the total compensation of \$470 million.

The government in return agreed to end all civil and criminal litigation against the company arising out of the 1984 gas disaster.

The petitioners by the victims allege the settlement was reached without consent from the gas victims and that the compensation amount is too small.

The world's worst industrial disaster occurred when toxic gas leaked from the now-defunct Union Carbide Corp. pesticide plant in Bhopal, 400 miles (640 km) south of New Delhi.

Soviet Muslims to get Pak aid

ISLAMABAD, July 29. (KUNA): Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto today announced a grant of rupees-ten million for furthering the cause of Islam in the Soviet Union.

The grant, among other things, would be utilised for construction of mosques and publication of religious literature in Soviet Muslim republics, she said while announcing the grant in a meeting with a visiting delegation of leading scholars from the Soviet republics.

Sponsored by the Muslim religious board for Central Asia and Kazakhstan, the 7-man delegation is led by grand mufti of Soviet Muslims Mohammed Siddik Mama Yusupov.

Premier Bhutto told him that Pakistan people had great regard and love for the brethren in the Muslim republics of Central Asia and laid special emphasis on the relations with Soviet Union because of the special historical relations between Pakistan and Central Asia.

Cities like Samarkand, Balkh, Farghana and Khiva were part of Pakistan's folklore, she said.

She told the Soviet grand mufti that Pakistan considered the return of Soviet prisoners of war captured by Afghan mujahedeen as a humanitarian problem and would urge and persuade the mujahedeen interim government based in Peshawar to release them the soonest. According to her there are "a few POWs" in the hands of the mujahedeen.

Mufti Siddik said that Pakistan should not only establish relations with the Soviet Muslims in religious field but other fields also. He suggested a Pakistani air link with Tashkent which was welcomed by Benazir who hoped the Soviet government would also welcome it.

Earlier in the day, Mufti Siddik and Pakistan's Minister for Religious Affairs Khan Bahadur Khan signed a memorandum of understanding in Islamabad under which Pakistan would provide financial material aid to the board.

Tigers storm Lanka mosque 10 shot dead

COLOMBO, July 29. (AP): Tamil Tiger rebels stormed a mosque in eastern Sri Lanka and shot to death 10 worshippers in a blaze of gunfire, military officials said today.

At least 13 other Muslims were seriously wounded in yesterday's attack in Sammanthurai, 260 kms (160 miles) east of Colombo, said the officials, who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

Today, police found the bodies of 12 Muslim men in a well in the north-central Anuradhapura district, an opposition leader said.

Mohammed Ashraf, president of the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress, said the 12 men were questioned by troops last week. The men disappeared from their homes on Friday, he said.

"We don't know who killed them, but their bodies were taken out of a well in the Udumbawela village," he said.

Yesterday, Tamil rebels ambushed and killed 14 Sinhalese soldiers returning to their camp in northeastern Sri Lanka, the military officials said.

In the northwest and the north, 10 rebels, two soldiers and three civilians were killed in fighting between the rebels and government forces, said the officials.

Yesterday's Tamil Tiger

attack on the Muslims was the second on a mosque in Sammanthurai during the past week. On Tuesday, rebels killed four Muslims at another mosque in the area.

On July 13, Tamil rebels stopped three buses near the eastern town of Kalmunai and shot to death 35 Muslim passengers.

Muslims, who make up about 7 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people, have often become victims in the 7-year-old war between the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and the Sinhalese-dominated government.

Military officials say the rebels are killing Muslims and burning their homes and shops because they support the government in the civil war.

However, Ashraf said the Muslims are being killed because they are staying away from the issue.

Tamil make up 18 per cent of the population, and Sinhalese, who also control the military and the police, account for 75 per cent.

At least 14,000 people have been killed in the seven-year Tamil revolt. About 3,000 people have been killed in the latest round of civil war that started June 11, ending a 13-month ceasefire.

Govt frees jailed comrades Rebels swap hostages

NEW DELHI, July 29. (AP): Separatist guerrillas in India's north-east hills released three hostages today after the government set free three of their jailed comrades, news reports said.

United News of India news agency said guerrillas of the United Liberation Front of Assam freed H.K.L. Das, a general manager of the state-owned Indian Oil Corporation, his 21-year-old son, Amarath, and their driver, Anup Duan.

The three men were released in Assam state's capital, Guwahati, where they were kidnapped on July 16.

The guerrilla group which is campaigning for the secession of the oil-rich state of Assam from India, claims the state's economic benefits have not percolated to its people. They blame the federal and the state governments.

The group, which claims it has at least 1,000 armed members, had said they would swap the three hostages for three jailed comrades.

The state administration, governed by a regional party, arranged the freedom of the three rebels early today.

NLD demands talks with military

RANGOON, July 29. (AP): Burma's major opposition party today demanded that the new opposition-dominated Parliament elected two months ago be convened in September.

The National League for Democracy demanded the release of its leaders held by the military government. It also called for talks with the government.

The demands came in a resolution adopted at the end of a major two-day conference of the party, which swept the May 27 election and is trying to pressure the government to hand over power.

The government had no immediate reaction to today's statement. It said on June 8 that the Parliament can be convened after election expenses and candidates' objections to the poll results have been settled. But it gave no timetable for convening the body.

that would in effect indefinitely postpone the transition to civilian rule.

As some 500 members of the party met in Rangoon's Gandhi Hall, a group of about 30 youths outside shouted demands for the release of party leader Aung San Suu Kyi. They then dispersed peacefully, witnesses said.

Throughout the conference, Gandhi Hall was cordoned off by police and troops armed with automatic rifles.

Ms Suu Kyi has been under house arrest since July 20, 1989. The government accused her of subversion but filed no formal charges. Authorities have not said why they were still holding her.

"We hereby demand the calling of a parliamentary session in September, dialogue between the (military government) and the NLD and the release of detained leaders including Aung San Suu Kyi," the resolution said.

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Co-workers pay glowing tribute to Ford

NEW YORK, July 29, (AP) — Just in from the big sky country of the state of Wyoming, where he lives, Harrison Ford faced a peril as hazardous as any encountered by Han Solo and Indiana Jones: the press tour.

Ford is a private man, and he approaches an interview with the zest of a glutton facing a diet. He is notorious for his verbal fencing, especially on personal matters, with interviewers.

A television interviewer recently tried to induce Ford into disclosing the sex of his unborn baby. Ford knew, but declined to say. The baby turned out to be a girl, born June 30.

Unlike some major stars, Ford feels a res-

ponsibility to the studios who pay him huge salaries for his work (upwards of \$7 million). Hence he came here two gruelling days of radio, TV and print interviews for "Presumed Innocent," the Warner Bros. film based on Scott Turow's book. Also taking part were co-stars Bonnie Bedelia, Brian Dennehy, Raul Julia and Paul Winfield and director Alan J. Pakula.

His co-workers had revealing things to say about Ford.

Bedelia: "The film was the first time I had met him. He's a very interior type of person; he keeps his own counsel. I think he's a marvellous actor. In this picture he was very

— soulful. ... He was very giving, generous, sensitive. A lovely man."

Winfield: "Harrison and I first met when we were both under contract to Columbia Pictures (in the mid-1960s). I was brought in after the Waits riots because the studios decided they needed angry young men, and I fit into that category. It was the end of the contract period, and the only friend I made was Harrison. ... He was the same as he is now. Except he's a lot richer."

Pakula: "I thought of Harrison from the beginning. I wanted someone who was like everyone, who had an all-American kind of quality. ... I am interested in characters who

are two-sided, who can be a collection of opposites."

"Harrison is very bright, he has a sense of storytelling, especially a complicated story like this one. It's great to have someone who says, 'Have you told that?' 'Does the audience understand that?' 'Explain that to me.'"

In "Presumed Innocent, Ford Portrays a married prosecutor accused of murdering a beautiful colleague (Greta Scacchi) with whom he had a flaming affair. The role calls for greater depth of feeling than Ford has displayed on the screen before. Nothing unusual, he said.

"It seems to me it's the same job every time:

trying to figure out what the ideas are and to give them expression. The more of an idea there is, the easier it is to give it life. This was a character that was extremely well-written and had great complexity. And the complexity was well-knit to the plot. It was really an easy part to play."

Ford had not read the Turow novel, and he held off until he could see the movie script, by Frank Pierson and Pakula.

"I didn't want to prejudice my impression of the screenplay," he said. "I immediately read the book afterward. Then I worked with an Alan for six or eight months before the

films started."

The role is far, far removed from Ford's portrayals in the "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones" movies. Mixing drama and action has been part of his strategy. "It has always been my intention that that might help to keep my career alive. I like doing different kinds of films. I like facing different kinds of challenges."

Ford grew up in suburban Chicago, drifted into acting at Ripon College. After a stint in summer stock, he drove to California in 1964 with his new wife, Mary Marquardt, for a career in film. He ended up making more money from carpentry than acting.



Gold medal winner

Soviet gymnast Natalia Kalinina competes on the balance beam during the women's all round competition at the Goodwill Games in Tacoma, US, on Saturday. Kalinina won the gold medal. (Reuters wirephoto)

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'Comets started life on Earth'

WASHINGTON, July 29, (UPI) — Comets could have carried some of the building blocks of life directly to infant Earth about 4.5 billion years ago, a team headed by astronomer Carl Sagan reported.

Many scientists have speculated that the comets and asteroids that bombarded Earth in its early days may have contributed organic compounds that eventually gave rise to life. But some have argued that any organic compounds found in comets and asteroids would have been destroyed by the fiery, high-speed entry into Earth's orbit.

Now, in an article published Thursday in the journal Science, Cornell University's Sagan and his colleagues present calculations that show comets could have helped provide the seeds of life.

Comets, objects that orbit the sun and occasionally crash into Earth, have a small nucleus of frozen material and a long tail of gas and dust. Drawing on studies of the composition of Halley's Comet, Sagan's team estimated organic compounds account for about 25 per cent of a typical comet's mass.

Organic compounds are chemical compounds based on carbon and also containing hydrogen with or without oxygen, nitrogen or other elements. Although "themselves such compounds are lifeless, they can be combined to produce proteins and deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA, the building blocks that make up humans and all other living creatures."

It is known that shortly after Earth was formed — from about 4.5 billion to 3.8 billion years ago — the planet was subjected to a heavy bombardment of comets and asteroids.

If the orbit were its current density, even large comets would have entered at such a high rate of speed that organic compounds would not have survived impact. But Sagan's team said there is an "emerging consensus" among planetary scientists that Earth's orbit was a very dense mixture of carbon dioxide and nitrogen.

If the atmosphere were 10 times its current density, comets with a radius greater than 330 feet (100 m) that crashed into water would have delivered an average of about 2.2 million to 22 million pounds (1 million to 10 million kg) of organic compounds to Earth per year for about 500 million years, said Christopher Chyba, co-author of the mathematical study.

Organic compounds in comets that hit hard land or were smaller than 330 feet (100 m) in radius probably would have been incinerated, Chyba said.

There currently is about 1.3 quadrillion pounds (590 trillion kg) of organic material tied up in Earth's living creatures, their wastes and their remains. Scientists do not know the amount of organic compounds or the conditions needed to foster the creation of the first primitive microbes, which evidence shows were on Earth at least 3.5 billion years ago.

Before the latest calculations were made, Chyba said his team, which also included Leigh Brookshaw of Yale University, differed sharply in their views of whether comets could be capable of directly delivering organic compounds to Earth.

In the past, Sagan had expressed skepticism about whether the chemical components of life could be delivered directly from space, speculating all organic compounds in a comet would be burned up before it reached Earth's surface.

Panait held Comaneci captive

Gymnast says in interview: 'He was not so good to me'

SEATTLE, July 29, (AP) — Former Romanian gymnastics star Nadia Comaneci said she was held captive for three months by the man who helped her defect to the West last December and was falsely portrayed as her lover.

In her first extensive interview concerning her relationship with Constantin Panait, Comaneci also said the Romanian carpenter had taken \$150,000 she earned in appearances throughout the United States following her defection.

Comaneci, in Seattle for the Goodwill Games, when asked if Panait had threatened or physically abused her, she replied, "He was not so good with me."

Comaneci escaped Romania shortly before the fall of communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, who was executed last Dec. 25 during popular uprising.

Comaneci said Panait has returned to his family and now lives in Florida. He has tried to contact her only once since last March. Panait could not be reached for comment yesterday.

"I can't say that I hate him and I can't say that I like him," she said. "He helped me escape from Romania. The money does not mean anything because I have the freedom."

Comaneci said Panait fled with \$150,000 she had earned on her tour of the United States three days after they arrived in Montreal last February to visit Alexandru Stefu, a friend of Comaneci's former Romanian coach, Bela Karolyi. Stefu said he sought out Comaneci



Nadia Comaneci smiles at newsmen after arriving at Kennedy Airport on Dec. 1, last year. At left is friend Christian Pontu. (Reuters wirephoto)

at the request of Karolyi, who became concerned after hearing Comaneci did not want to meet her former coach.

"Bela told me he thought Nadia had the problem," said Stefu.

Comaneci, who won eight medals in the 1976 Montreal Olympics and became the first gymnast to score a perfect score in the games, drew negative press in the United States while in the com-

pany of Panait, a married man and father of four. Comaneci, however, denied there was any romantic involvement on her part and that she joined Panait only after he offered to help her escape from Romania.

She said Panait was paid \$5,000 to help her escape and the two crossed the border into Hungary at midnight on Nov. 25, 1989. After being detained briefly by Hungarian police, they were released.

The couple arrived in New York on Nov. 28 and became an immediate media attraction. Comaneci said from the time she joined Panait, he dictated her every move.

"He didn't let anyone near me," Comaneci said. "He told me all the time what I must say."

Comaneci said she met Panait at a family party a week before she defected and had not known him for a year, as she initially indicated.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

ASBURY PARK, New Jersey: The boss' first baby may be born to run, but he won't have to rock and roll through life with people calling him junior.

"All I know is that it won't be named Bruce," said Bruce Springsteen's attorney, Barry Slott, who announced the birth Thursday. Springsteen's girlfriend and back-up singer, Patti Scialfa, gave birth to a 7-pound, 9-ounce boy at a California hospital, Slott said, but that's about all he's saying.

The Asbury Park attorney would not identify the hospital. Springsteen, the writer of such songs as "Born to Run" and "Born in the USA," was born and raised in Freehold. He also retains a residence in Rumson.

Springsteen, 40, and Ms. Scialfa, 35, have been linked romantically since she joined his street band as a backup singer in 1984. (AP)

DEERING, New Hampshire: A fire destroyed folk singer Tom Rush's studio and office and damaged his backwoods farmhouse.

Rush was in Wyoming on vacation, and no one was in the house when the fire broke out late Thursday.

The state fire marshal's office was called to investigate the fire, which took 75 to 80 firefighters about three hours to contain. The buildings are surrounded by 600 acres of farmland.

The 16-track recording studio was in a barn behind the house and the office for his production company, Maple Hill Productions Inc., and Record Label, Night Light Recordings, was in converted fishing shack.

Rush, 49, was a major folk star in the 1960s, and his 1974 album, "Ladies Love Outlaws," featured singers James Taylor and Carly Simon. (AP)

Bomb threat Plane lands in emergency

INDIANAPOLIS, July 29, (AP) — A Usair flight made an emergency landing yesterday after a passenger found a message written in soap on a restroom mirror indicating a bomb was on board, an airline spokesman said.

Flight 1582 from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Chicago was delayed at the Indianapolis International airport for about three hours as FBI and local law enforcement officers examined the plane, said Usair spokesman John Bronson in Pittsburgh.

No bomb was found. The 74 passengers and five crew members aboard the Boeing 737 got off the plane, and were interviewed by the FBI, Bronson said.

Three passengers were detained, said Bronson, who had no further details. The FBI declined to comment on the incident.

LONDON: A high court judge has issued a temporary injunction banning a book that reportedly gives intimate details about Britain's royal family.

Justice Michael Wright banned author Malcolm Barker from publishing "Courtier Disaster" anywhere in the world, but stayed the ban until Monday, pending an appeal.

Friday's injunction also forbids Barker's Nova Scotia-based publisher, Fleetwood Publications, from selling the book in Britain. The book is on sale in Canada, the United States and Bermuda, said

Barker's lawyer, David Fowell. Lawyers for Barker and Fleetwood Publications said they would appeal against the part of the court order that bans Barker from publishing outside Britain.

Barker worked from 1980 to 1983 as a storeman-clerk to the master of the royal household at Buckingham Palace.

The book makes disclosures that lawyers for Queen Elizabeth II claim breach of confidentiality agreement signed by Barker when he joined the palace staff. The injunction will remain in effect until the High Court hears an action, brought by the attorney general on the Queen's behalf, to ban the book permanently and to direct any profits from the book to the attorney general.

If Barker, who lives in Nova Scotia but is currently visiting Britain, disobeys the order he could be jailed and face heavy fines for contempt of court. (AP)

PISA, Italy: The mayor of Pisa on Saturday urged Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti to resolve a political row which has blocked urgently needed restoration of the city's famous leaning tower.

"We can't wait any longer. The tower's been abandoned since it was closed nearly seven months ago and the lack of attention could kill it," Mayor Sergio Cortopassi told reporters.

The 800-year-old belltower, which leans about five metres (17 feet) to the perpendicular, was closed in January after experts said it was dangerous for tourists to continue climbing its 294 winding steps.

But rivalry between the ministries for public works and for culture over responsibility for upkeep of the tower has prevented engineers from moving in to shore up its foundations. (Reuters)

Couple sues rabbi for arriving late for wedding ceremony

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, July 29, (UPI) — A rabbi who united two young lawyers in marriage last year has been sued by the couple for \$130,000 in damages because he allegedly arrived late for the ceremony.

The St. Petersburg Times newspaper yesterday said Christine and Russell B. Adler claim in their suit that Rabbi Loring J. Frank's late arrival for their wedding ceremony in April 1989 caused them pain, suffering and inconvenience.

According to their filing, Frank was an hour

and a half late. That led to a chain reaction of calamities — an inflated liquor bill as bored guests turned to drinking, vicious gossip that the marriage might be off, a long wait in a stifling room for the bride, the re-emergence of an old back injury for the groom, and "a rift between the plaintiffs."

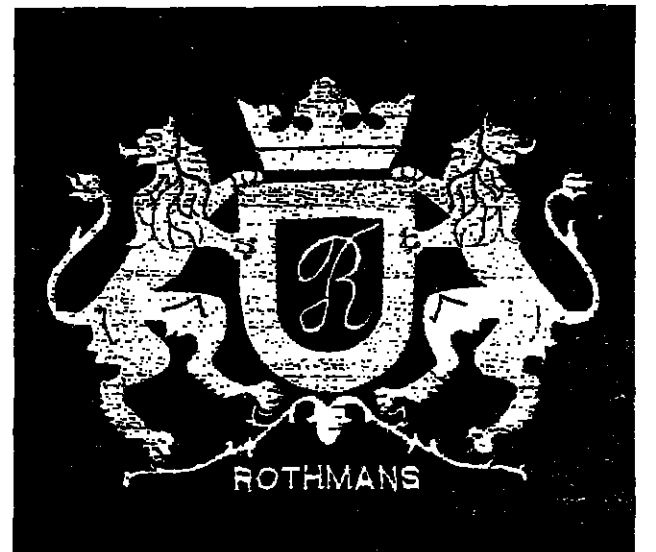
Russell Adler, who is a sole practitioner, and Christine Adler, a public defender, are not only seeking \$130,000 in damages — more than seven times the cost of their wedding — but are about to amend their complaint to

assert that Frank isn't a rabbi at all.

Frank and his attorneys, however, insist he is a rabbi, that he was no more than five minutes late for the ceremony, and that the suit is a perfect example of a legal system run amok, in which people — especially lawyers — run for the courthouse.

"A responsible, seasoned lawyer would never in his wildest dreams either (a) be a plaintiff in this lawsuit, or (b) file it for anybody else," Robert A. Kasky, one of two attorneys representing Frank, told the Times.

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Newly inaugurated Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori waves on Saturday after receiving the presidential sash. Fujimori, son of Japanese immigrants, succeeds Alan Garcia as leader of Peru. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fujimori sworn in as Peru's president

LIMA, July 29, (AP): Alberto Fujimori, fresh from his inauguration as president of Peru, has offered talks with Marxist rebels and promised to lead the debt-ridden nation back into the global financial community.

The new president, who was sworn in yesterday, also attacked corruption and said the blame for the international drug problem lies with cocaine-consuming nations as well as drug-producing nations like Peru. Peru is the world's main source of the coca plant, from which cocaine comes.

The bespectacled 52-year-old former college president — an upset winner in elections in June — accepted the red-and-white sash of office and said "I swear by God" to try to solve Peru's problems.

Fujimori took the oath of office to the cheers of political supporters in the red-carpeted Chamber of the House of Representatives. The new president was celebrating his birthday yesterday, which is also Peru's Independence Day.

Fujimori, who is to serve until 1995, faces daunting problems. He mentioned the 2.2 million per cent inflation over the past five years, increasing poverty, its bloated bureaucracy, drug trafficking and terrorism.

Understanding
The people elected us to institute a new language of national understanding — the language of dialogue, co-operation and a search for consensus," Fujimori said. The backdrop was a bronze frieze of Gen Jose De San Martin, Peru's 19th-century liberator, and a large wooden crucifix.

The new president asked for special congressional power to decree new and fairer taxes, presumably on Peru's wealthy elite.

He said he would set up a special anti-corruption committee, simply customs regulations, reduce government participation in the economy and push for measures to give ordinary Peruvians greater access to government officials.

The new leader did not mention by name his leftist populist predecessor Alan Garcia, who took office in 1985. But he said: "We inherited a disaster."

Garcia's farewell speech drew boos from some lawmakers, and a few walked out. Fujimori said he would scrap a bank-nationalisation law that went on the books under Garcia but never was implemented. He repeated a campaign pledge to reverse Garcia's policy of freezing out Peru's creditors and ignoring the \$20-billion foreign debt.

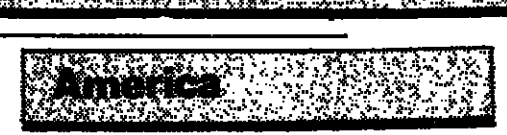
Resolved
"Our administration is resolved to re-establish Peru's international relations in the financial field," the new president said. He said he hopes to stimulate foreign investment in Peru.

On drugs, Fujimori took a stand similar to that of President Virgilio Barco of Colombia. Barco who was on hand for the inauguration, along with the presidents of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Venezuela.

Fujimori said cocaine-consuming countries are just as responsible for stopping drug use as are South American nations that grow coca leaf and turn it into cocaine.

"You cannot place the weight of the responsibility for this fight on a poor country buried in a severe economic crisis," Fujimori said. He said Peruvian peasants who grow coca to survive need an alternative.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Leukaemia, Nevada fallout linked:

American researchers have found a weak association between radioactive fallout from atomic testing in Nevada in the 1950s and leukaemia rates in people who lived downwind, but they said the evidence was not strong enough to prove the tests caused the cancer.

The report by scientists from the University of Utah and other institutions to be published next week in the Journal of the American Medical Association said a study of death certificates and other records of 6,500 Mormons who lived in Utah at the time of the tests cannot link the tests definitely to later cancer cases.

But the study said there was a strong suggested link between fallout and leukaemia when looking at certain groups within the study, including those exposed at an early age who developed cancers within a few years. (Kuna)

2 contractors sentenced:

Two employees of major defence contractors are to serve six months in a halfway house and pay \$5,000 fines for conspiring to trade in sensitive Defence Department reports on long-range weapons plans.

The sentences in US District Court on Friday closed out the criminal cases arising from Operation Undercover, an investigation into the network of corporate workers who traded in secret Defence Department reports for more than a decade.

US District Judge Albert S. Bryan Jr sentenced Frank J. Caso, 58, and John R. Kiehl, 65, to two years imprisonment, but suspended all but six months. Caso was a marketing analyst with Hughes Aircraft Co. and Kiehl was a former marketing manager with Raytheon Co. (AP)

US Navy officer sentenced:

A US Navy lieutenant who raped a woman officer on board ship was sentenced to seven years in jail on Saturday by a US military judge in southern Spain.

Lieutenant Robin Brown, 27, will also lose \$1,800 of his monthly pay of \$2,200 during the seven years and be dismissed from the service for attacking the woman as she slept in her cabin.

The sentence handed down by military judge Captain Thomas Lawrence at the US Navy base near Cadix will automatically be appealed. Navy spokesman Lieutenant Paul Weishaup said. (Reuters)

Cult members testify:

Members of a drug-growing cult suspected of making human sacrifices testified Friday that police had beaten them and forced them to sign false admissions of murder.

Mexican authorities have descended on a rural western town, Tepic, to search for up to 41 bodies of cult victims, but they were delayed by bad weather Friday.

Some of the 14 men and youths arrested in the case testified at the arraignment Friday that police had beaten them into signing accusations of murder against Olayo Soto Sota, 65, the alleged leader of the cult. (AP)

Army discharges 'deserters':

Six US soldiers who were arrested in Florida for leaving their military intelligence post in West Germany and who told friends they were going to rendezvous with UFOs were discharged from the army Friday.

"They have been released from their military obligation and they are civilians again," an army spokesman, Maj. Joseph Allred said.

The six soldiers — five men and a woman — deserted their post at the 701st military intelligence brigade in Augsburg, West Germany, on July 9 and were arrested in Gulf Breeze, Florida, near Pensacola, four days later. (UPI)

Avianca offers \$75,000:

Avianca Airlines announced Friday it was willing to pay \$75,000 each to survivors or relatives of victims of the crash of Flight 52 without requiring them to relinquish their rights to further claims.

Seventy-three people died and 85 were injured in the Jan 25 crash of the Boeing 707 on Long Island during an approach to Kennedy airport after a flight from Mexico.

Attorneys for the victims hailed the offer as unprecedented and generous.

"They were smart and did what was normally correct," said Marc S. Moller, who represents 45 of the crash victims. (AP)

Tanker-tug collision:

An oil tanker and a tugboat collided in the Houston ship channel on Saturday, sinking at least one barge and endangering another, coast guard officials said.

Some oil was spilled, but officials were unable to determine whether it was coming from the tanker or the barges. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

The vessels collided Saturday afternoon, prompting the immediate closure of the channel, said coast guard spokesman Rick McCullor of the Galveston Marine Safety office. (AP)

Giant balls

A young boy reaches up to touch a set of giant fireball balls in Beijing's Beihai Park on Friday. The Chinese capital is putting on many carnivals and displays as a prelude to the Asian Games in September. (Reuters wirephoto)



Genghis Khan poster

An elderly Mongolian herdsman holds an election campaign poster depicting Genghis Khan on July 25. The National Progressive Party, one of six democracy parties contesting the elections, uses Genghis Khan as their party symbol. Mongolia voted in the first free elections in 69 years yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

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People worried

Killer bees poised to invade States

WESLACO, Texas, July 29, (AP): The "killer" bees poised to invade the United States from Mexico are beginning to worry officials in states as far away as Maine and Hawaii.

State agriculture inspectors from 32 states turned out for a four-day Africanised bee conference, which opened Wednesday in Weslaco, near the Mexican border.

Some said they expect their states eventually to be infested, either by the bees migrating naturally, or being transported as stowaways on ships or truck trailers. States were represented from as far as Washington in the northwest and Vermont in the northeast. "They're all concerned that they need to be speaking with a co-ordinated voice and a co-ordinated approach to dealing with the spread of the Africanised bee in the United States," said Anita Collins, head researcher with the US Department of Agriculture's honey bee research lab at Weslaco.

Twenty-two swarms of Africanised bees have been found and destroyed since 1979 at US ports abroad ships from Latin America. The most recent swarm was found at the port of Houston earlier this month in the hold of a ship from Mexico.

The hard to manage bees eventually are expected to cost US beekeepers as much as \$58 million per year, according to the USDA. Expected drops in bee-pollinated crop production could cost US farmers as much as \$40 million per year.

Invasion victims grave found:

A grave holding the bodies of 15 victims of the US invasion of Panama was unearthed on Saturday on Panama's Caribbean coast, human rights activists said.

"We opened the grave and found 15 bodies, including those of three soldiers who were shot to death and a six-year-old boy whose skull was destroyed by bullet wounds," Isabel Corro, leader of the Association of Relatives of the Victims of December 20th, told Reuters in a telephone interview.

She said the grave, presumably dug by US troops in the aftermath of the December 20 US military strike in Panama, was discovered in a former US military cemetery on the outskirts of Colon, the country's second largest city. (Reuters)

Quintero kin arrested:

A brother of Mexican drug lord Rafael Caro Quintero has been arrested along with 14 other people on drug and illegal weapons charges in northern Mexico, the government news agency Notimex reported on Saturday.

It quoted sources in the federal attorney general's office as saying Alberto Caro Quintero was arrested in Puerto Peñasco, a small town on the Gulf of California about 50 miles (80 km) south of Mexico's border with Arizona. (Reuters)

Thornburgh criticised:

Mexican Attorney General Enrique Alvarez del Castillo entered into a war of words with his US counterpart on Friday over the US abduction of a Mexican suspect in the torture-murder of a US drug agent.

"We have a right to get angry and to insult everything from their mothers on down," Alvarez del Castillo was quoted as saying by the government news agency Notimex.

He was referring to Justice Department officials in Washington and to what he described as "the totally absurd" position adopted by US Attorney General Dick Thornburgh regarding last April's abduction to the United States of Dr Humberto Alvarez Machain, a Guadalajara gynaecologist. (Reuters)

Landless peasants march:

Thousands of peasants arrived in Mexico to press their demands for land and price supports for small farmers.

Police said as many as 20,000 peasants from six states joined in the 185-mile trek from Poza Rica, Veracruz, on the country's Gulf coast to the headquarters of Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party. (Reuters)

Thousands flee as rebels advance on

US may intervene in Liberia fighting, says Italy envoy

ABIDJAN, July 29, (Reuters): Thousands of hungry and frightened civilians are streaming out of the Liberian capital Monrovia where a three-sided civil war is lurching to a bloody climax.

Two rival groups of rebels are pushing towards the heavily defended executive mansion to finish off President Samuel Doe. Diplomats fear that when they have done so they may start fighting among themselves.

Charles Taylor, the leader of the 15,000-strong mainstream National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL), has already declared himself

president of a new interim government. He says Doe will not be allowed to flee the country and will be blasted into submission if he refuses to surrender.

But last night a Reuters correspondent behind rebel lines said Taylor only controlled the eastern outskirts of the capital.

Another Reuters correspondent in Monrovia said rebels fighting government troops in the city centre were from a rival group led by Prince Johnson.

Refugees flee Monrovia

Life becomes unbearable

ON THE ROAD TO MONROVIA, July 29, (Reuters): Machine-guns chattered behind them as thousands of men, women and children trudged single file through driving tropical rain to flee the horrors of Liberia's civil war.

No one took much notice. For the refugees streaming out of Monrovia, life had become hungry, tiring and wet.

An almost unbroken column of civilians, carrying their possessions in sodden bundles, soaked along the main road running northeast in search of food and sanctuary while bitter fighting raged in the capital yesterday.

"We don't know yet where we will stop," said Ellie Dahweh, a small woman balancing on her head a huge cloth bundle almost half her size.

A relative behind her pushed an elderly woman in a wheelbarrow. "My mother can't walk," explained Dahweh.

She said the family was fleeing fighting between troops loyal to beleaguered President Samuel Doe and rebels of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL), who have pushed into Monrovia from the far northeast of the country in seven months.

The conflict has degenerated into a tribal bloodletting between Doe's minority Krahn people and the Manos and Gio who provide most of the rebel support.

According to some estimates, thousands of civilians have been killed and thousands more have fled the country.

But many refugees on the road from Monrovia were from tribes less involved in the conflict. Their main worry was to find something to eat after weeks of severe shortages in the besieged capital.

"There's no food in Monrovia. Everybody's leaving," said a woman who gave her name as Foley.

Many refugees luddled under whatever shelter they could find in villages along the road. But the rain was almost constant, and others pressed on regardless.

Dahweh said she left her home near the Elwa Christian radio station captured by the rebels on Friday, when rebel leader Charles Taylor broadcast a speech declaring himself president.

About one mile (1.6 km) back down the road into Monrovia there was a constant clatter of machine-guns.

Rebels in the suburb of Payneville said they were attacking Doe's troops in the nearby 72 Camp army base.

Gauntly-dressed guerrillas swigged soft drinks at a road-block, ducking occasionally as a stray bullet whined overhead.



A Liberian child carries his sleeping young brother on his shoulders on the outskirts of Monrovia on Saturday as thousands flee fighting in the Liberian capital. (Reuters wirephoto)



A Liberian refugee pushes his elderly mother in a wheelbarrow as thousands escape fighting in Monrovia on Saturday. Rebels of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) are besieging the capital. (Reuters wirephoto)

Killing of Medellin cops continues

Cartel declares end to terror campaigns

BOGOTA, July 29, (AP): Gunmen shot and killed four more police officers in Medellin, three of them after the city's notorious cocaine cartel declared an end to its campaign of bombings and assassinations, police said yesterday.

Minutes before the Extraditables, as the Medellin drug bosses call themselves, sent a message by fax to the local press Friday calling for a truce, gunmen shot and killed a police officer, according to a police statement.

Three other police officers were assassinated later in the day, the statement said.

"We decree a unilateral, indefinite cease-fire and we suspend

end attacks against police, bombings in all Colombian cities and the executions of politicians, journalists, judges and other functionaries," the statement said, which claimed the cartel was responsible for the murders of 215 police officers this year in Medellin and the surrounding region.

Police say the cartel is paying assassins more \$4,000 for each police officer killed.

The Extraditables' statement said the killings were in retaliation for the murder and torture of suspected cartel members by police.

Police deny the charge, but human rights officials say there is

strong evidence that members of the force are participating in massacres in Medellin's poorer neighbourhoods, where the cartel's killers are based.

About the same time the cartel's statement was being released, a bomb exploded at a police post in the Medellin neighbourhood of Villanueva, wounding five people, including a child, police said.

El Tiempo, the country's largest newspaper, quoted police sources as saying that Friday's communique by the cartel was part of a strategy by cartel leader Pablo Escobar to have the government scale down its escape manhunt for him.

Plans to sell lands to end Mohawk row

OKA, Quebec, July 29, (AP): The mayor says a deal has been struck to sell the federal government a disputed parcel of land in the hope of ending an 18-day-old armed standoff between police and Mohawks.

Meanwhile, Indian negotiators met yesterday to draw up their response to the latest proposals from Quebec authorities to end the confrontation.

The standoff in Oka, 18 miles (29 km) west of Montreal, began after police rushed a barricade set up by the Mohawks to stop the expansion of the local golf course on land they claim is ancestral. An officer was killed in the gun battle that followed, but it is still not clear if he was shot by Indians or fellow officers.

The assembly of first nations, an Indian organisation, said at least 3,000 people were expected to take part in a mass rally Sunday in Oka. Organisers are billing it as the largest Indian demonstration in Canadian history.

Demonstrators have been asked to bring flowers to present to the police as a symbol of peace.

Oka Mayor Jean Ouellette said a deal had been reached Friday to sell the federal government 67-acre (27-hectare) parcel of land that had been slated for the golf course expansion, town spokesman Robert McCoy said. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Panama's hospitals are falling apart; health system on the verge of collapse

PANAMA CITY, July 29, (Reuters): Buildings are falling down, staff often have to carry patients on stretchers up flights of stairs because elevators are broken and operating theatres are closed for lack of medical supplies.

Officials say Panama's state-run health system is on the verge of collapse after three years of political crisis leading up to last December's US invasion that ousted General Manuel Noriega.

In the rural city of Santiago, 250 km (160 miles) west of Panama City, the roof of a hospital's emergency and maternity room collapsed during torrential

rains in April, according to Health Minister Jose Trinidad Castillero. No-one was hurt but 40 patients had to be moved.

Another hospital on one of the remote San Blas islands off Panama's Atlantic Coast is sinking as well as collapsing, he said.

"The view at the national level is really critical," Castillero said in an interview with Reuters. "To repair all hospitals and health centres we would need about \$10 million."

President Guillermo Endara has declared the nation's health care system, which includes more

than 700 health centres, in a state of emergency, forcing the government to move as quickly as possible on the issue.

A lack of medical supplies, including penicillin and painkillers, has sometimes forced operating rooms in remote areas to close or allow only emergency surgery.

"Each day, more people are going to die who don't have to and the blame isn't ours because there aren't supplies," Dr Ruben Echavarría, president of an association of Panamanian doctors said in a recent newspaper interview.

The new government, which is deeply in debt and faces numerous other social problems, has increased the health budget by 26 per cent over last year to \$101.5 million.

A large part of that is to go toward medical supplies and salaries, but doctors say it is not enough.

The director of the Children's Hospital in Panama City, Esteban Lopez said his institution alone needs more than \$1 million to correct its most serious problems.

Handwritten text in Arabic script: "بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم"



Former Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky (Reuters wirephoto)

Architect of neutrality

Kreisky dead

VIENNA, Austria, July 29, (AP): Former chancellor Bruno Kreisky, Austria's most popular postwar political leader and an architect of its permanent neutrality, died Sunday. He was 79.

Kreisky was admitted to Lainz Hospital last week with heart disease and his condition seriously worsened over the weekend. He died at 6 am (0400 GMT) of heart failure, the hospital's Dr Wolfgang Enkel said.

A Jew, Kreisky was forced to flee Austria from the Nazis but returned to become its longest-serving chancellor and, with a total of 26 years, its longest-serving government member.

Kreisky's achievement of winning an absolute majority in parliament for his ruling Socialist Party in the 1970s represents "a lone record in the free democratic world," the Austria Press Agency reported.

During his tenure as chancellor from 1970 to 1983, Kreisky, with his passion for foreign policy, took advantage of Austria's unique position as a neutral country on the border between East and West to carve a mediating role which gave his tiny nation unexpected prominence.

He drew criticism abroad, especially from Israel, for his Middle East policies and his ties with chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, as well as

for receiving Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi and freeing terrorists who attacked Opec's Vienna headquarters in 1975.

However, he was also widely respected in Europe as one of the leading post-war Social Democrats along with West Germany's Willy Brandt and Sweden's Olof Palme.

At home, Kreisky was an adored, if irascible, figure who skillfully handled the press — which he loved — and made headlines even from a somewhat grumpy retirement in his villa on the Balearic Island of Mallorca.

The simple news that "der alte," or the old one, had grown a beard in hospital while undergoing a kidney transplant made nationwide headlines long after he had given up his chancellorship.

Born Jan 22, 1911, the son of a wealthy industrialist, Kreisky was forced to flee his native Vienna in 1938 after the Nazis — cheered by many Austrians — annexed the nation to Germany.

A Socialist by the time he was 16, Kreisky had been arrested in 1935 and jailed for 28 months for membership in a banned youth group.

Once freed, he resumed law studies at Vienna University before being arrested and imprisoned by the Gestapo for five months in 1938. He was again released and forced to emigrate. He went to Sweden, where he first met fellow exile Brandt.

There, he married Vera Fuerst. The couple had two children, Peter, born in 1944, and Susanne, born in 1948, who survive him. His wife died in 1983.

In 1953, he entered the government as state secretary in the Foreign Ministry, a position that took him to crucial conferences in 1954 and 1955 to negotiate the four-power state treaty that ended the ten-year allied occupation of Austria.

By 1959, Kreisky was foreign minister, a position he held until 1966 when the conservatives won an absolute majority in parliament and formed a one-party government.

One year later, he became the hugely popular head of the Socialist Party. The Socialists gained a relative majority at the polls in 1970, and Kreisky was named chancellor. A year later, his party won an outright majority, a success repeated in 1975 and 1979.

Files on CIA terrorism link seized

Rome magistrates order

ROME, July 29, (Reuters): Italian magistrates seized the files of a television journalist whose reports claimed that the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) backed terrorism in Italy and Sweden, a television spokesman said yesterday.

Rome magistrate Francesco Monastero sent paramilitary police into the RAI state network's offices to seize the files, and they carried away sheets of notes, the spokesman said.

Monastero had earlier summoned journalist Ennio Remondino to question him about four reports he made between June 26 and July 2 on the main news programme of RAI's Channel One.

Dick Brenneke, who said he was a former CIA agent, said in one of the reports that the agency had triggered off terrorist outrages which rocked Italy in the 1970s through the illegal P-2 Masonic lodge. The reports also quoted another purported ex-

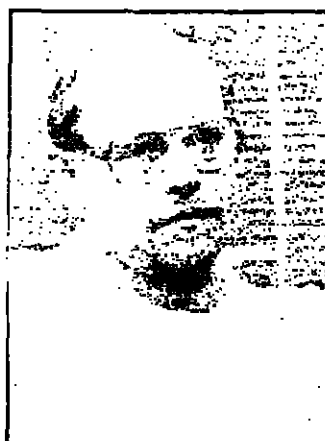
CIA agent as saying the CIA and P-2 were linked to the 1986 assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme.

The other ex-agent alleged that three days before Palme's murder, former P-2 head Licio Gelli sent a telegram to an aide of then-Vice President George Bush saying, "The Swedish tree will be felled."

The CIA has denied the charges. Italian president Francesco Cossiga, in remarks which caused a political storm, said last week that heads would roll at RAI if it turned out that the allegations were unfounded.

A parliamentary inquiry has branded the P-2 a "state within the state" which included top Italian businessmen, politicians and military men.

Its exposure toppled the government in 1981 and investigators have associated it with some of the biggest scandals in Italy.



File photo of alleged ex-CIA agent Richard Brenneke, reported to have leaked stories to the Italian media implicating the CIA and the Italian masonic lodge P2 in the 1986 assassination of Palme

Gunmen open fire at NY funeral

LINDEN, New Jersey, July 29, (AP): Three gunmen posing as mourners at the funeral of a New York City gang member opened fire on about 100 people at a cemetery, wounding seven people, authorities said.

At least seven other people were trampled in the panic that followed the gunfire yesterday in this community outside New York City, and were treated at hospitals for cuts and bruises.

Police Capt Raymond Beckman said the funeral was for a Vietnamese man who was member of a gang called Born to Kill. About 100 people were attending the funeral when the gunmen fired, then fled, Beckman said. "As they walked by the casket with a bouquet of flowers, they dropped them and opened fire on the mourners," he added.

A 20-year-old man who was among those shot was flown by helicopter to the trauma unit of University Hospital in Newark. The others' wounds were not considered life-threatening, hospital officials said.

New York police said the funeral to bury Vinh Vu, 21, began in Chinatown in Lower Manhattan earlier yesterday. Vu was shot four times in the chest early Wednesday in a drive-by shooting in Chinatown, said police Sgt Tina Mohrman.

She said Vu was a leader of the Chinatown-based Vietnamese gang.

Beckman said three weapons were used, including an Uzi sub-machine-gun and a shotgun. A Beretta handgun was found on the ground. That gun, which had been fired, may have been used by someone in the crowd, firing back at the shooters, Beckman said at a news conference.

Police were searching for three suspects last night, said police Lieut Richard Gerbounka.

Beckman agreed with New York police that the shooting may be related to gangland strife between the Vietnamese gang and Chinese gangs in Lower Manhattan.

The gunmen were apparently wearing sunglasses and trench coats, making it difficult for witnesses to say whether they were Chinese, Vietnamese or Caucasian, Beckman said.

Arms talks a cozy affair

Changes create atmosphere unthinkable a year ago

VIENNA, July 29, (AP): There are few secrets nowadays at conventional arms negotiations between Nato and the Warsaw Pact, where back-slapping camaraderie has displaced the icy atmosphere of the cold war.

Rapid changes that have reshaped East Europe and are fragmenting the Warsaw Pact have created anomalies at the negotiating table that were unthinkable a year ago.

Take the East Germans, for instance. Once the Soviets' most formidable military allies, they have been pushed to the sidelines by approaching German unification.

"Nobody takes them seriously," said the chief delegate of another Warsaw Pact country.

A senior Nato negotiator, who spoke on condition his name not be used, said his East German counterpart "doesn't get any instructions and doesn't write any reports. I feel sorry for him."

Negotiators for the two military alliances who avoided each other just a few years ago now lunch together. And as independent thinking supplants bloc loyalties, the seven Warsaw Pact and 16 Nato countries happily enlist each others' help against their allies.

"Nobody is worried that the friendship is because someone is trying to recruit someone else," as a spy, said the Warsaw Pact chief delegate, who also spoke on condition of anonymity. "In other words, I don't see the CIA in a Western delegate, and he doesn't see the KGB in me."

"We very often conspire together with Western colleagues to accomplish something" that other Warsaw Pact countries oppose, said a senior Hungarian negotiator

who also commented on condition he not be identified.

"If the more flexible Nato countries want to propose something but Nato discipline won't allow it, then they ask us to do it."

Such thinking was nonexistent at the mutual and balanced force reduction talks, which broke up without a treaty last year after 16 years of frustration, stonewalling and posturing by both sides.

Deadlocks on troop strengths and verification of troop and weapons cuts, among other issues, proved insurmountable in the climate of distrust generated by super-power confrontation.

Enter the conventional forces in Europe talks here.

The child of perestroika in the Soviet Union and the resulting lessening of East-West tensions, they were marked by an atmosphere of cautious trust from the outset.

But the ice wasn't broken until the wave of democratisation swept autocratic communist rule from most East European capitals.

That heralded the beginning of the end for the Warsaw Pact. Hungary, which served notice earlier in the year it was leaving the East bloc alliance by 1992, recently signed a deal to provide Nato troops with meat and cold cuts.

Other members are bound to leave as well in the near future. And although the pact has said it is changing from a military to a political alliance to conform to new realities, most members agree its days are numbered.

Nowhere is that more evident than at the CFE talks. Most participants, whether from Nato or the Warsaw Pact, now share one overriding goal: rid Europe of as many

Soviet troops as possible.

The superpowers have agreed to a ceiling of 195,000 troops each in Central Europe, with the United States permitted to station up to 30,000 soldiers elsewhere in Europe.

The desire of both sides to shrink the Soviet troop presence from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ural mountains appears to be a prime reason for keeping the talks going even as the Warsaw Pact unravels.

"Nobody wants to upset the present structures on which the negotiations are based," said the Warsaw Pact country's chief delegate. "This would give the Soviets a prime excuse to leave the negotiations, and we don't want to do them that favour."

The Western delegate agreed.

"The primary interest of every nation but one at the talks is to affect some kind of reduction of Soviet forces," he said. "It's Nato against the Soviet Union, with the non-Soviet Warsaw Pact countries playing the go-between."

"The Poles don't know whom they hate more, the Germans or the Russians, and so we have differences of opinions with them," said the Hungarian delegate. "Co-operation is good with the Czechoslovaks and the Romanians, but we have trouble with the Bulgarians because we don't share their paranoia about the Turks."

He was alluding to Polish worries about a strong Germany following reunification, and Bulgarian-Turkish tensions rooted in centuries of Ottoman rule in Bulgaria.

Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky has called for Europe free of nuclear reactors and suggested development of alternate source of energy to ensure supplies for Eastern Europe.

Man falls into coma after drinking soft drink containing dissolved cocaine

MIAMI, July 29, (AP): A man who drank from a soft drink bottle containing dissolved cocaine was in a coma yesterday. Federal officials discovered two other tainted bottles and checked possible links to Colombian drug smugglers.

Drug traffickers frequently smuggle cocaine by dissolving it in liquids, officials said.

Maximo Rene Menendez, 25, suffered convulsions and cardiac arrest after drinking from a bottle of the Colombian soft

drink "Pony Malta de Bavaria" that contained an unknown amount of cocaine, said Jeanne Bush, acting supervisor of the US Food and Drug Administration's Miami office.

"He had a very violent reaction," she said. "He is gravely ill."

Menendez was in critical condition at Ami Kendall regional Medical Centre, said hospital spokeswoman Roxana Fernandez. She said it was too early for a prognosis for Menendez, who was on a

respirator. Eight 6 ounce bottles of the drink were taken from Menendez's home in the Miami area, and tests performed at an FDA laboratory in Atlanta found high concentrations of cocaine in two of them.

One bottle contained 54 grammes of dissolved cocaine and the other had nearly 37 grammes, said FDA spokesman Estela Brown. The other bottles contained untainted beverage.

The drink Pony Malta de Bavaria is similar to a heavy non-alcoholic beer.

It was not known how much cocaine Menendez had consumed. Ms Fernandez said.

Menendez noticed a strange taste to the drink after swallowing, she said, telling his father "there was poison in it and to take him to the hospital."

After Menendez was stricken Thursday, the FDA ordered the drink removed from the shelves of the Miami supermarket where he purchased it.

Going for records

Walk in chilling temperatures

OSLO, July 29, (Reuters): Since the first explorers reached the North and South Poles some 80 years ago, others have been scrambling to try and set new records in the icy wastelands at the ends of the Earth.

Now they want to see how far humans can walk without help from dog sleds or vehicles in bone-chilling temperatures.

Erling Kagge, who reached the North Pole in May with fellow Norwegian Boerge Ousland after a two-month trek, said two major feats remaining were to walk across Antarctica without assistance or walk to and from the North Pole unaided.

"Nothing's decided but if we go to the polar regions one more time on a serious expedition we're going to cross the Antarctic unsupported," said Kagge, a lawyer.

American Robert Peary reached the North Pole in 1909 and Norway's Roald Amundsen the South Pole in 1911, beating Britain's Robert Falcon Scott by a margin of days.

Scott and his men died of hunger and exposure in a blizzard just short of the coast on the way back.

Since then, trips to the poles have become almost routine — submarines have surfaced at the North Pole, while a US research base has been built at the South Pole.

Kagge and Ousland, both 27, say they were the first to reach the North Pole without help from dogs, snow-scooters, powered boats or aircraft after their

800-km (500 mile) trek across treacherous ice-floes from Canada.

The Norwegians were picked up from the pole by plane.

British explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes has said the Norwegians had assistance as an aircraft rescued a third member of the expedition, Geir Randby, who hurt his back in a fall on the ice 10 days after the trip began.

Kagge said Fiennes had agreed before the Norwegians started that if one member needed to be flown out, the others could continue with their own supplies and be considered unaided.

The two Norwegians celebrated their arrival at the North Pole with stewed steaks from a polar bear they shot a few days earlier.

"It was running towards us to attack," Kagge said. "There was nothing to eat there but us... it was either us or the bear."

"We cut off two steaks and cooked them at the pole. It doesn't taste very good," he added.

The two did not tell anyone about their meal until they were back in Norway. Polar bears are a protected species.

At the other end of the world, a British expedition in 1986 led by Robert Swan was first to reach the South Pole unaided — a walk of 1,400 km (880 miles).

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Mongolians swarm to vote

Speedy turnout in a nation the size of Western Europe

ULAN BATOR, July 29, (Reuters): From communist labour heroes and nomadic herdsmen to democracy activists, Mongolians swarmed to the polls today, relishing a first chance to freely choose a government. Election officers said after six hours of polling a third of the roughly one million people eligible had voted — a speedy turnout in a nation the size of Western Europe where many herdsmen must ride vast distances on horseback to 1,620 polling stations.

Ballot boxes have been taken to hospitals and to elderly people unable to leave their yurts, tents often pitched high in Mongolia's

They consider the 53-seat lower house more important than the 430-seat upper house because it will be in almost permanent session and can pass laws approved by the president. The upper house is due to meet only four times in five years.

Leaders of three democratic opposition parties said they expected to win no more than 30 per cent of seats in the upper house but may make a bigger impression in the lower one.

"We will get so many people into Parliament that the communists will never again be able to subject Mongolia to dictatorship and stagnation," said Sanjasuren Zorig, the 29-year-old leader of the Mongolian Democratic Association.

Mongolia, wedged between Soviet Siberia and China, has spent all but the last few years since 1921 as a virtual Soviet colony in which democracy was unthinkable. But with the advent of Soviet reformist Mikhail Gorbachev a democratic movement has been allowed to grow unhindered since sprouting in December.

For many Mongolians the election was a victory in itself.

The Communist Party says it is the party of cattle breeders, said two-time communist labour hero Sukhe Gombojav, 69, proudly displaying 15 medals pinned to his chest.

"But I know this election is not about cattle, it is about democracy. I welcome democracy. I welcome it," he added.

Gombojav, standing among horses and trucks used to ferry people to a countryside polling station, said he voted for the Communist Party because of its experience in government.

Two other retired herdsmen, Tangad and Vigiv, both wearing long tunics, high boots and trilby hats set at a jaunty angle, said they had opted for the Mongolian Democratic Party.

"I have been voting for the Communist Party for 50 years," said Tangad. "Let's see if the democrats can do any better."

The communists and the opposition differed only in degree in common campaign promises of free market capitalism, democracy, freedom, opening to the West and a revision of history distorted by a succession of communist rulers.

Observers from the United States, Britain, Soviet Union, Poland and Hungary said voting in and around Ulan Bator seemed fair and orderly. Some complained that they were not allowed to observe voting in military bases.

Western nations are watching to see if Mongolia turns into a true free market democracy. US Secretary of State James Baker is due here this week and may grant trade and other concessions.

Initial results were not expected until Tuesday, with the count being conducted by hand. Poor communications were one reason for the delay, as well as confusion about which parties some candidates represent.

Some candidates are members of the communist party but are running for an opposition party.

Bougainville talks open aboard ship

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea, July 29, (AP): Long-delayed peace talks between the government and the secessionist island of Bougainville began today aboard a New Zealand naval ship.

After an opening prayer and private talks to set an agenda, Foreign Affairs Minister Michael Somare appealed to the Bougainville delegation to "join us in building bridges between ourselves."

He agreed that Bougainville's problems had not been adequately addressed over the years "and we accept part of the blame for this."

"If my delegation is to be realistic and conciliatory in its approach, then I appeal to you to match us and make an equally reasonable approach to the subjects we will discuss."

Provincial Premier Joseph Kabui, who is leading the Bougainville delegation, emphasised the roles of international observers at the talks.

"We believe that the best solution can only be reached with the help of an impartial and attentive world, particularly where serious human-rights violations, including sanctions, are current," he said.

Kabui was expected to deliver a four-hour address outlining Bougainville's grievances when the talks resume tomorrow.



A pro-democracy supporter holds his hands in victory as thousands gathered for the final rally in Mongolia's first free elections campaign July 28. (Reuters wirephoto)



Zorig casts his vote as Mongolia holds its first free elections. (Reuters wirephoto)

Call for curbs on religion in China

BEIJING, July 29, (AP): Officials in far west China, where Muslims in April waged a brief "holy war" for independence, have made repeated calls for further restrictions of religious activities, local reports say.

The July 21 and 22 issues of the Xinjiang daily, seen in Beijing yesterday, carried reports of a meeting of the Xinjiang autonomous region Communist Party, during which officials called for the restrictions on religion.

Such restrictions were needed, they said, to control activities aimed at "splitting" the region from the rest of China. Religious activity in China is closely watched by government authorities who swiftly crack down on proselytising and anything they consider anti-government or anti-party.

In Xinjiang, a vast, arid region in China's far northwest that is home to large numbers of Muslim minority groups, racial tension occasionally boils over into violence, most recently in April.

More than 2,000 Muslims in Baren township, south of the ancient bazaar city of Kashgar, proclaimed a holy war to restore the eastern Turkistan republic set up by Uyghurs and Kazakhs in western Xinjiang in 1944-49. Uyghurs and Kazakhs are Turkic peoples.

The rebels besieged a government compound, and attacked police and civil authorities. Twenty-two people were reported killed.

Since then, hundreds of meetings have been held in Baren to condemn what the authorities call "an armed counterrevolutionary rebellion," and the local media are filled with calls for residents to protect stability and unity and be on guard against "splitism."

Previous reports called for officials to "step up supervision over religious affairs and conduct education in atheism."

At the recent party meeting, Xinjiang Communist Party deputy secretary Janabill said, "national splitism is the main danger in Xinjiang."

Referring to "the lesson to be learned" from the Baren incident, Janabill said, "we must realise that in recent years splitist activities both domestically and abroad have been rampant. We must give it-for-it in the struggle against splitting the nationalities."

Janabill and another deputy secretary, Amadun Niyaz, both argued that the key to preventing new agitation for independence was controlling religious activities.

Niyaz said, "we must be sure to strengthen our leadership and supervision of religion ... (and) restrict religious activities to within the limits set by law."

Seoul cancels military exercise

Avoid offending Pyongyang

SEOUL, July 29, (Reuters): South Korea will cancel an annual military exercise to avoid offending arch-rival North Korea ahead of an historic meeting between their prime ministers in Seoul, government officials said on Sunday.

"This year's exercise scheduled from August 20 to 25 will not take place to help create an atmosphere of improved ties between South and North Korea," a senior government official told reporters.

South Korea has staged the "Ulchi" exercise, involving troops, police and civil-defence forces across the country, annually since the early 1970s.

Pyongyang has routinely denounced the exercise as offensive. South Korean officials have said it is aimed at readying the country's defences in case of an attack from the North.

Thousands of troops staged mock North Korean landings, entering by sea, air and land, in previous exercises, which also

featured blackouts, curfews and traffic restrictions.

"The exercise is purely a defensive one. But there is need to demonstrate our earnestness toward South-North dialogue and easing tension on the Korean Peninsula," the official said.

Last Thursday, the North and South signed an agreement on unprecedented meetings of their prime ministers later this year to discuss ending hostilities and promoting exchanges.

American faces death on drug charges in Kuala Lumpur

KUALA LUMPUR, July 29, (UPI): Malaysia's uncompromising use of the death penalty against drug dealers comes under the international spotlight again with the scheduled trial of the first US national to be charged under the draconian laws.

Kerry Lane Wiley, 38, a computer lecturer from Sacramento, California, was arrested last November after police raided a house in the suburbs of Kuala Lumpur and discovered almost 1 pound (450 g) of marijuana hidden under his bed.

Malaysia's tough laws require the death penalty for anyone found trafficking in drugs, which is defined as possession of half an ounce or more of heroin or morphine, 2 pounds (900 g) of opium or 6.4 ounces (180 g) of marijuana.

Wiley, scheduled to go on trial Aug 1, is the first US citizen charged with trafficking and the first Westerner to face the death penalty since Briton Derrick Gregory went to the gallows in July 1989.

Wiley's mother, Helen, flew to Kuala Lumpur to be at her son's side for the trial.

A veil of secrecy surrounds the Wiley case as neither officials nor his family would release information about the defendant.

But United Press International learned from a source close to Wiley that he was transferred to a mental hospital in the northern Malaysian state of Perak, suffering from extreme depression.

Indications that Wiley's mental health had deteriorated came in February when his attorney



A Catholic nun, in a Manila hospital attends on Mallorca, one of the two survivors rescued. (Reuters wirephoto)



A Manila doctor checks, July 29, the injured fingers of Calabia. (Reuters wirephoto)

Quake search resumes

Survivors flown to Manila

MANILA, July 29, (AP): A man and a woman rescued after 11 days in the rubble of a mountain hotel were flown to Manila today as miners resumed searching for survivors of an earthquake that killed more than 1,600 people.

Luisa Mallorca, 20, and Arnel Calabia, 26, were flown early today from Baguio, 210 kilometres (130 miles) to the north, where they were rescued Friday from the wreckage of the Hyatt Hotel.

"I couldn't do anything inside, so I just prayed," Calabia, a security guard, said after arriving at Villamor Air Base. He added that he had drunk rainwater and his own urine to survive in the rubble.

Dr Ramon Raymundo said Miss Mallorca was suffering from abdominal trauma "but otherwise she is fine." Calabia might have to have three fingers of his right hand amputated because of gangrene, Raymundo said.

Calabia's father, Dominador, said he had lost hope of ever seeing his son alive again.

"We did not expect that he could be recovered alive 11 days after the earthquake," he told reporters in Manila. "I felt unimaginable happiness as a father to hear that my son was alive."

Doctors said Calabia and Miss Mallorca suffered from dehydration and other injuries but were in surprisingly good condition.

In Baguio, miners resumed searching today for more bodies in the ruins of about 30 buildings that collapsed during the July 16 quake.

More than 20 people are still believed buried beneath the debris. The US embassy said 12 Americans, all of Filipino origin, were believed among the missing there.

Foreign rescue teams gave up searching last week, convinced no survivors would be found. The Hyatt was one of eight hotels that collapsed in the quake.

Local miners and other volunteers vowed to keep looking until all the missing were accounted for.

Calabia said he, Mallorca and a male employee were on the third floor near the elevator when the quake struck. All three dived under tables "and then the ceiling fell in," he said in a radio interview.

"We recovered consciousness later and we called out to each other," Calabia said.

The three lay in the dark, talked to each other and prayed, Calabia and Miss Mallorca said.

Manila rebels to free hostages

No ransom demand

BAOLOD, Philippines, July 29, (AP): Communist rebels will release a US Peace Corps volunteer and a Japanese aid worker this week after holding them for more than a month on Negros Island, a retired Roman Catholic bishop said today.

Bishop Antonio Fortich said New People's Army guerrillas had asked for a three day ceasefire in six Negros towns starting Wednesday to facilitate the release of Timothy Swanson, 26, of the United States, and Fumio Mizuno, 36, an official of the Organisation of Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement.

Fortich said he received a letter from the rebels today demanding, among other things, a ceasefire and the broadcast of guerrilla statements over local radio stations before freeing the two.

Members of a "Freedom Committee," including Fortich and representatives from the military and civil administrations, were meeting today to discuss other, unspecified demands. But Fortich said the rebels were not asking for ransom.

Fortich said Swanson would probably be freed in Silay, about 10 miles (16 kms) north of Bacolod, and that Mizuno likely would be released in Murcia, about 10 miles (16 kms) to the southeast.

Fortich said the New People's Army was expected to issue a formal announcement about the exact time of the release on Tuesday.

Mizuno was abducted May 29 and Swanson June 13.

Brigadier-General Raymundo Jarque, the Negros military commander, told reporters the military was willing to cooperate with any decision the negotiating panel took on rebel demands.

The constabulary provincial commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Reynaldo Velasco, vowed his troops would launch military actions against the rebels after the pair was freed.

The rebels also demanded that their letter be broadcast by local radio stations on Monday.

The US embassy plans to fly Swanson and his Filipino wife, Merle, to the United States as soon as he is released, officials said.

Kaifu proves to be able leader

TOKYO, July 29, (AP): When Toshiaki Kaifu was named prime minister last year, he was a career member of parliament given little chance of surviving long in Japan's leading political post.

But Kaifu has proven a surprisingly resourceful leader in his first year in office, exhibiting a talent for statesmanship that — by vastly exceeding expectations — has sent his popularity soaring.

He has left little doubt that he is capable of handling the office, a position coveted by the ruling party's older generation.

In the sedentary politics of Japan, his elders were lined up ahead of him and had every right to it.

But this time there was a difference: The Recruit bribery and insider-trading scandal, which tainted nearly all the Liberal Democratic party elders.

Kaifu, youthful and untouchable, was chosen to fill the position until the scandal died down. The scandal abated, but Kaifu did not behave as expected.

The 59-year-old prime minister has fought off powerful faction leaders who sought to manipulate his cabinet, beat a more glamorous rival in a hard-fought election and won over his Western colleagues with an aggressive performance at the Houston economic summit.

A poll published three weeks before his first anniversary in office Aug 9, gave his administration a 60 per cent approval rating, the second highest for a Japanese government since World War II.

In April 1989, the height of the influence-buying scandal, a survey indicated only 3.9 per cent of the people supported the government of Noboru Takekoshi, then prime minister.

That came as a shock to the Liberal Democrats, who have governed Japan since the party was formed 35 years ago.

Some of the pundits who predicted he would last only a few months now concede that Kaifu, whose motto is "Be resolute, and even the devil will run," was the right man for the moment.

"A lot of people thought he was weak," said Hideo Sato, dean of international relations at Tsukuba University. "Such expectations turned out not to be true. That was psychologically very important."

Many Japanese wanted an end to the political old-boy network that was generous in protecting big business at the consumer's expense.

"The whole political scene in the last year has made it clear that the average Japanese citizen is fed up with the old odiferous politics as usual," said Patricia Steinhoff, former head of the Centre for Japanese Studies at the University of Hawaii.

Sato said: "I think people want new leadership not based on factional power. He's not the manoeuvring type. The Japanese people want a leader to be exercising some sort of leadership, not just reacting to outside pressure and events."

Japan's political bosses are the leaders of four major factions in the Liberal Democratic Party. The main danger to Kaifu's future is the fact that he is wedded to one of two minor factions.

His rivals for future party leadership, such as former foreign minister Shinichi Abe and former finance minister Kiichi Miyazawa, are heads of powerful factions who have remained visible.

Miyazawa recently led a bipartisan Japanese mission that met with US President George Bush in Washington. The well-travelled Abe will lead a delegation to Moscow in September.



We're sorry

Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama pictured July 28 during his simultaneous session with Indonesia said earlier he was sorry for the damage caused by Japan in Southeast Asia during the Second World War and vowed his country would never again become a military power. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gorbachev woos reformers to keep them in party

MOSCOW, July 29, (Reuters): In a clear bid to stem a flow of reformers from the Soviet Communist Party he still heads, President Mikhail Gorbachev is calling for centre-left unity to counter conservative resistance to radical change.

Just two weeks after emerging triumphant from bruising battles with the old guard at the Party's 28th Congress, he has told leading reformists and key communist officials alike that the struggle for his perestroika programme is far from over.

He summoned radical political commentators and economists to the Kremlin to tell them: "We must not allow a split in the growing force of the centre-left. The greatest

danger is a fight between democrats."

And in an address to the party's newly elected secretariat, Gorbachev called for dialogue with new movements which he said had valuable ideas to offer in the creation of "a broad coalition of all progressive forces."

Details of both these recent meetings were released at the weekend, as the exodus from the once monolithic party continued amid mounting recrimination between Gorbachev loyalists and radical reformers.

Many radicals, including those who have left the party since the congress, accuse Gorbachev of trying to hold together a hidebound body which has demonstrated fierce resistance to reform.

They hail the example of former Kremlin rebel Boris Yeltsin, who told the congress he was resigning from the Communist Party to concentrate on his new role as president of the Russian Federation, a post he felt should be above politics.

And tens of thousands of demonstrators who gathered under the walls of the Kremlin after the congress ended chanted "Down with Gorbachev," urging him to step aside and clear the way for a new, non-communist leadership.

But there is also a strong current of radical thinking that Gorbachev must stay at the head of the party and that supporters of genuine reform, whether or not they retain

their communist faith, should remain members.

Yegor Yakovlev, editor of the weekly Moscow News, said none of the other parties proliferating across the country could begin to compete while the communists retained control of key sectors, including the armed forces.

"However sad, that is how things stand," Yakovlev said. "And since they do, how can we cut ourselves off from this vast conglomerate and hand it over to the total control of the conservatives?"

Valery Sidorov, a commentator for the radical journal New Times, says the Communist Party remains the guiding political

force in Soviet society, despite the removal from the state constitution of a guarantee of its automatic right to rule.

"New democratic structures are only beginning to gain in strength," he said. Even in Moscow and Leningrad, where radicals are in power following elections this year, factory managers listened to party rather than city leaders.

"In the majority of regions across the country, especially in the countryside, the district party committee remains in the supreme administrative and executive body and judge," Sidorov wrote. "It is senseless to deny existing reality."

The trend of Gorbachev's thinking was

clearly indicated last week by his close aide Alexander Yakovlev, dropped from the party politburo during the congress but still a member of the increasingly powerful presidential council.

"I believe the congress laid the ground for the creation of a left-centre bloc in the party which could at this stage lead the second wave of perestroika," said Yakovlev, who is admired by radicals both inside and outside the party.

The conservative wing of the party must finally understand that it has to stop sabotaging perestroika. Only then can the party play a serious role in the future development of our society.



Cambodia rebels

Khmer Rouge guerrillas squat in a base on the country's western fringes. The radical communist faction claim growing support among ordinary Cambodians but face international isolation. (Reuters wirephoto)

Asean, US share views on Cambodia

JAKARTA, July 29, (AP): The Association of Southeast Asian Nations and United States agree that a national council should be formed to govern Cambodia until elections, US Secretary of State James Baker said today.

"The Cambodians who compose that council will of necessity be committed to free and fair elections," Baker told a news conference at the end of an annual meeting between Asean and its largest trading partners, the United States, Japan, Canada, the European Community, Australia and New Zealand.

Asean and its dialogue partners agreed that a Cambodian Supreme National Council representing a broad spectrum of opinion must be formed to act as interim authority in Cambodia. They said the council should hold Cambodia's UN seat until elections can be organized under UN auspices.

Baker said there should be "no role in a supreme national council for anyone who wants to pursue power through the battlefield rather than the conference table. That is what the national supreme council is all about."

He said such a council should be composed of individual Cambodians acceptable to one another.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas, who chaired the meeting, said Asean — Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Brunei — would like to see the council established before the UN General Assembly in September in New York.

The United States announced recently that it was withdrawing recognition of the UN seat held by the three-member Cambodian resistance because it includes the Khmer Rouge. The guerrilla faction is blamed for killing hundreds of thousands of Cambodians when it ruled the country from 1975-78.

On Tuesday, Asean ministers issued a joint statement criticising the United States and Vietnam for their positions on Vietnamese refugees.

The statement said Asean countries would resist to resettling refugees and withdrawing offers of temporary refuge.

Hand and Washington opposed the compulsory return of migrants who did not qualify as political refugees and by refusing to provide alternative solutions.

Baker rejected the charges, saying the United States has paid its share of the refugee bill, resettled those it promised to take in and pledged to accept more.

"The United States is not a newcomer to these responsibilities. Since 1975, we've resettled 900,000 of 1.7 million Southeast Asian refugees, and taken 120,000 more through the orderly departure programme with Vietnam," Baker said at the meeting Friday.

The dispute centres on a comprehensive plan accepted by 35 nations last

Asean members, Vietnam and the United States signed the plan, which provides for first asylum, resettlement of refugees in Western nations and repatriation of those found to be economic migrants rather than victims of political persecution.

Baker plans to hunt sheep denied

SINGAPORE, July 29, (Reuters): US Secretary of State James Baker's love of hunting landed him in hot water today, with aides scurrying to deny a report that he planned to shoot a rare species of sheep in Mongolia next week.

The front-page Washington Post report said that hunting, not diplomacy, was the main motive for Baker's trip to Mongolia beginning on Thursday, the first US secretary of state to the country.

China hailstorm kills 33, injures 418

BEIJING, July 29, (AP): A storm hammered unusually large hailstones on villages in the northern Chinese province of Hebei earlier this month, killing 33 people and severely injuring 418, the China news service reported.

The July 15 hailstorm and accompanying heavy winds also damaged crops in more than 75 counties, demolished 18,000 houses and damaged more than 300,000 others, said the report in Beijing today.

Most of the casualties involved people whose homes were crushed by the intense force of the hailstorms, which

Gorbachev in trouble, calls for 'support'

Baltics refuse to attend talks on 'union treaty'

MOSCOW, July 29, (Reuters): President Mikhail Gorbachev, hit by more trouble in the Soviet republics and grim economic news, has urged supporters of his perestroika reforms to close ranks and help hold the country together.

He told a meeting of leading economists and journalists to defend his reforms and to avoid a damaging split among liberals. Gorbachev defended his government saying it was capable of transforming the economy into a market system.

Leaders of the three separate Baltic republics issued a joint statement

refusing to take part in his proposed talks on a "union treaty" to redefine the relationship between Moscow and its many restive regions.

And Armenian nationalists rejected his ultimatum to hand over their weapons within 15 days.

In another blow for Gorbachev, figures released in the past few days showed a decline in gross national product (GNP) and a dramatic worsening of the balance of payments deficit.

"I do not urge you to keep silent," the daily Izvestia quoted Gorbachev as telling Friday's meeting.

"However, we should prevent a split in the increasingly powerful left centre. The greatest danger to perestroika lies in a fight between democrats."

Gorbachev's reforms and the government both came under fire at this month's Communist Party congress and many reformers unhappy with the pace of change, led by Russian President Boris Yeltsin, left the party. But the reformers themselves underwent a split as the congress drew to a close.

Izvestia commentator Mikhail Berger said participants at the meeting doubted whether Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov's government could implement the reforms. They described chronic shortages of goods as "intolerable and quite simply socially dangerous."

But Gorbachev said he was convinced the government, attacked by both conservatives and radicals, had enough strength to proceed with the reforms to be submitted in detail to Parliament in the autumn.

Figures from the State Committee for Statistics gave little cheer for the Kremlin.

The leaders of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, meeting in the Latvian resort of Jurmala, said they had not taken part in preparations to conclude a union treaty and could not do so in future.

Official figures released yesterday indicated that 235 thousand Soviets have left the country permanently in the past year. The figures also showed that 40 per cent of those who left were living in the capital and Leningrad.

Seven Soviet officials will stand trial over a gas pipeline explosion which killed 575 people on two trains, a prosecutor said.

Vladimir Lyseiko, special investigator at the General Prosecutor's Office, told the daily Izvestia that a section of a pipeline crossing the Ural mountains had been damaged before it was laid.

Gorky Street, Moscow's main thoroughfare and the very symbol of the Soviet era, has been given back its ancient name of Tverskaya.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sofia official resigns: Internal Affairs Minister Atanas Semerdjiev, declaring his resignation in a stormy session of parliament, told lawmakers he wished he had a gun so he could kill himself.

"I am sorry the guards didn't give me a pistol," Semerdjiev said during a bitter debate late Friday over whether to broadcast a scheduled address next week by former dictator Todor Zhivkov.

The incident was overshadowed by a massive demonstration in which about 30,000 people surrounded the parliament to protest a plan to censor Zhivkov's remarks or black them out completely. The protesters, chanting, "Zhivkov in front of the people," remained outside the building into the early hours Saturday.

Zhivkov, who has been under arrest since shortly after he was thrown from power Nov 10, is expected to defend his 35-year rule and answer questions from lawmakers in testimony that could come as early as Tuesday.

The proposal to block or censor broadcast of his testimony triggered the demonstration and a fierce debate in the parliament on Friday. (UPI)

Nicu, 'doesn't want to die a criminal': Nico Ceausescu, the youngest son of the former dictator, is dying of liver disease in a prison cell and wants desperately to spend his last days as a free man, his lawyer said in an interview.

Defence attorney Paula Jacob also revealed Ceausescu had a falling out with his father in the last years of his rule and tried to persuade him to soften his hardline policies.

"He doesn't want to die as a criminal," Jacob told United Press International in a recent interview at her Bucharest apartment.

"He just thinks about spending his last days in obscurity, getting married and maybe going into teaching."

Ceausescu, 39, a reputed playboy and gambler, is being tried on genocide charges stemming from his alleged order to troops to fire on demonstrators in the Transylvanian city of Sibiu, where he was Communist Party boss.

Before a month-long recess was declared in the trial July 20, Jacob appealed to the five-member military tribunal to release Ceausescu, saying her client is seriously ill and may not live to hear the verdict. (UPI)

Soviet soldiers panhandling

WEST BERLIN, July 29, (AP): Soviet soldiers have been appearing recently at rest stops on East German highways asking travellers for bread, chocolate and cigarettes, a newspaper reported today.

The Berliner Morgenpost, a West Berlin newspaper, said the soldiers' appearances at autobahn rest stops were the result of drastic price rises in East Germany following the July 1 economic merger.

The price hikes are being reflected at Red Army commissaries in East Germany, the newspaper said.

Quoting unidentified travellers, the Morgenpost cited one instance where two Soviet soldiers, wearing dusty, unkempt uniforms, approached parked cars asking if the drivers could give them something to eat or drink.

The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Director & Staff of the New English School, Kuwait, extend their profound sympathies to Beverley Shami and her family, on the demise of her Father Malcolm Charles Francis. May he rest in peace.

War crimes defendant found shot

ADELAIDE, Australia, July 29, (AP): A 74-year-old man who was the first person charged under Australia's war-crimes legislation was found shot last night, the eve of his trial.

Two passersby found Ivan Timofeyevich Polyukhovich about a block from his home in Adelaide's western suburbs. He was tentatively listed in stable condition and was to undergo surgery at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for a chest wound.

Polyukhovich has been charged with 24 counts of murder and with being knowingly connected to the death of 850 other people in the Ukraine during World War II.

Police spokesman senior Sgt Bill Lorie said the shooting was being investigated.

"What the circumstances are surrounding it are simply not known at the moment," he said.

However, police earlier said initial investigations suggested the wound was self-inflicted.

Polyukhovich earlier this year became the first person charged under Australia's War Crimes Act, which passed federal parliament in December 1988.

His committal trial was due to begin in Adelaide tomorrow morning.

Polyukhovich lives with his wife and daughter.

HK confidence shaken

China rejection of UK plan

HONG KONG, July 29, (Reuters): China's rejection of a British passport plan for key Hong Kong residents has undermined the package and shaken optimism here that Sino-British relations were improving, diplomats and politicians said today.

Diplomats said China's outburst on Saturday reiterated statements it had aired since Britain first announced the passport plan in December last year. But they said the timing of the latest rejection was crucial.

"I think... this has to be considered a setback for Britain over Hong Kong. It's as if Maude's visit and his efforts to explain the passport issue never happened," a Western diplomat said.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry, a day after British Foreign Office Minister Francis Maude wound up a visit to Beijing to repair ties, said the British Nationality (Hong Kong) Act 1990 was unacceptable and had unilaterally changed the nationality of Hong Kong Chinese citizens.

Maude was the most senior official from the European Community to call on Chinese leaders since high-level contacts were suspended after Beijing's bloody crackdown on protest in June last year.

"It's a slap in the face of Maude," Martin Lee, a prominent local politician and a Hong Kong legislator, said. "China gained tremendously from his visit and in return what did he get?"

The passport plan, passed into law last week, aims to give about 225,000 people full British citizenship.

British officials hope it will shore up confidence in Hong Kong's future, sagging since the June crackdown, and curb rampant emigration, mainly by managers and professionals.

A thousand people a week are currently emigrating from Hong Kong, unimpressed by Chinese guarantees the territory will retain its political and economic system for 50 years after 1997, when it returns to Chinese rule.

Hong Kong's fragile confidence, sensitive to every swing in Sino-British relations, had been encouraged by the optimistic tone of Maude's visit, coming after over a year of rocky ties.

"After the Francis Maude visit, confidence went up and now it goes down again," Lee said. "It's very bad news indeed."

Apart from the nationality package, Beijing has slammed London for encouraging faster democratic change and a bill of rights for Hong Kong.

Legislators here said poor Sino-British relations and China's stand on the passport scheme would undermine confidence in the package and encourage passport recipients to leave before 1997.

The Foreign Ministry statement said China would not recognise British consular protection after 1997 for those receiving passports under the act and would not allow the passports to be used for travel in and out of China.

Son Sann tried to abandon allies

Phnom Penh claims

BANGKOK, July 29, (AP): Cambodian guerrilla leader Son Sann has tried to abandon his allies for a separate peace with the Vietnamese-installed government, the government's Premier Hun Sen said today.

The report could not be confirmed, and claims by the communist Phnom Penh government are usually regarded with suspicion. Calls to the Bangkok office of Son Sann's group, the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, went unanswered today.

The KPNLF is allied in a resistance coalition with the forces of Prince Norodom Sihanouk and of the Khmer Rouge, which ruled brutally from 1975 until Vietnam invaded in late 1978 and installed the current government.

The coalition members often have quarrelled in the past.

The government's SPK news agency today quoted Hun Sen as saying that Son Sann has "resorted to another trick while pretending to be a mediator of national reconciliation."

"He has secretly sent a foreigner to contact me and inform me that he wants to disassociate himself from the coalition..."

Hun Sen instead urged Son Sann to abide by last month's agreement in Tokyo that would include other members of the coalition.

"If Son Sann really had goodwill, he should co-operate with Prince Sihanouk in carrying out the Tokyo joint communiqué because this would lead to a ceasefire, mutual confidence and a comprehensive solution," Hun Sen said.

Hun Sen's rebuffed Son Sann's invitation to hold talks in Paris on formation of a "supreme national council" because he said this was already decided in Tokyo.

In Tokyo on June 5, Sihanouk and Hun Sen agreed on formation of the council to comprise six representatives from the Phnom Penh government and six representatives from the coalition.

Hun Sen has named six representatives, and Sihanouk and Son Sann each have named two. But the council remains incomplete because the Khmer Rouge rejected the agreement.

The council was supposed to convene by July 31 to arrange the first ceasefire in the 11 years of fighting.

The war has widened considerably in recent months as the Sihanouk forces and the Khmer Rouge in particular made major gains in the interior of the country.

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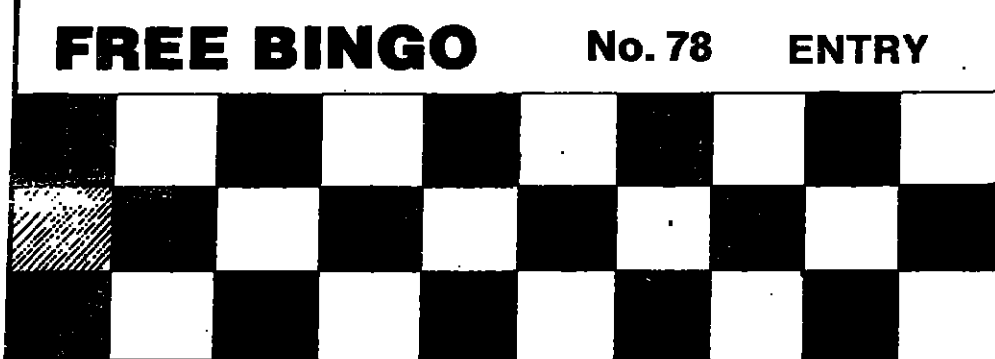
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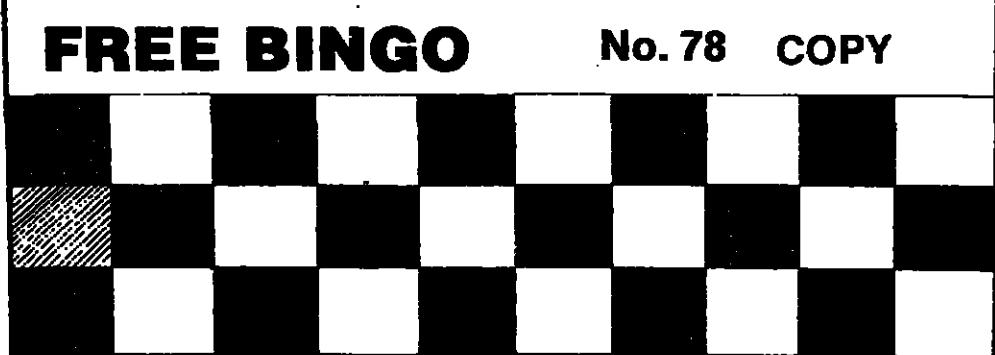


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Spread of environmental awareness required: Misfer

Beach protection campaign

WITHIN the framework of seminars and lectures sponsored by the environment Protection Council in the various governorates on the "Beach Protection Campaign", the youth and childhood department at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour in co-operation with the council organised a seminar at Faiha Youth Centre. The seminar was held on the theme of "waste and its effect on the beaches" and was attended by a number of officials from the ministry and the youth centres in addition

to the working team responsible for beach protection and members of Faiha Youth Centre.

Speaking at the seminar, Dr Hussain Al Misfer stressed the importance of spreading environmental awareness among citizens and expatriates.

He confirmed that the environment represented everything for all living beings on earth. He confirmed that oil leaks in Gulf waters and oil prospecting in the sea

are a major factor for pollution in the region. But he confirmed that the human being is the main element able to protect or devastate the environment.

He confirmed that the increase of incoming and outgoing ships inside Kuwait territorial waters had played a major role in enhancing pollution.

Meanwhile Misfer praised the awareness campaign adopted by Kuwait's Environment Protection Council which is

aimed at preserving the country's beaches. He added that the schools had allocated certain hours to enlighten students about the importance of the environment to urge them to contribute in protecting it from pollution.

He added that the importance of the council's role was increasing in view of several hazards threatening the environment. Co-operation between the council and the public is very important to realise the targeted objectives.

Kuwaitis, Swiss discuss taxation

NEGOTIATIONS between Kuwait and Switzerland to avoid duplicate forms of taxation and to further extend investment protection have entered the third round of discussions and are expected to be finalised sometime during the next year.

Speaking to a local daily, Kuwait's ambassador to Switzerland, Dr Salem Jaber Al Ahmed said that the agreement aims at alleviating tax burdens on Kuwaiti citizens who own properties in Switzerland. This facility will also apply to Kuwaiti companies, the official said.

The official called upon all Kuwaiti citizens to obtain visas prior to their departure to Switzerland and other neighbouring countries, including Austria, Germany and France.

He commented that many Kuwaitis were under the mistaken notion that these countries did not scrutinise passports to ensure that they carried necessary visas. However, he categorically said that no complaints have been submitted against any Kuwaiti tourist in this connection and called on all Kuwaitis to abide by the visa regulations.

Meanwhile, the Cypriot Honorary Consul to Kuwait, Faded Al Moejel said that bearers of Kuwaiti travel documents, will not be entitled to entry visas to Cyprus, unless they have the approval of the Cypriot Home Office. This action was taken, the official said as some Kuwaitis with travel documents were not leaving the islands on expiry of their visit visas. He said that it takes two months to obtain the approval of the home office. He also said that holders of Palestinian travel documents will be entitled to visas provided that they are valid for six months.

Pak message
ABU DHABI, July 29, (Kuna): UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayyan yesterday received a message from Pakistan's Premier Benazir Bhutto dealing with bilateral relations.

The message was conveyed by Benazir's advisor for Foreign Affairs and National Defence Iqbal Akhund during which discussions tackled issues of bilateral importance along with means of bolstering co-operation in all fields.

The meeting was attended by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Said Al Ghaith and the Pakistani ambassador to Abu Dhabi.

Indian message
MANAMA, July 29, (Kuna): Bahrain's Amir Sheikh Essa Bin Salman Al Khalifa today received a message from Indian Prime Minister V.P. Singh concerning bilateral relations and issues of common interest.

The Gulf News Agency (GNA) reported that the message, delivered by the visiting Indian Minister of Information and Parliamentary Affairs, also dealt with peace efforts in the Middle East and the Indian sub-continent.

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Faiaka: 33°C 91°F
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I AM a commerce postgraduate and have been working in Kuwait as an accountant for the past nine years. In 1981, I got a work permit No. 18 and in 1983, I changed my sponsor. Now, I have a chance to get another job in a government organisation. Is there any problem in transferring my residence? Do I have to complete ten years to transfer my residence from the private to the government sector? If there is any problem, what is the alternative? My present sponsor is ready to release me.

A reader,
Name and address supplied.

THE recent changes introduced by the new social affairs minister, amending the resolution of 1989 allows transfer of residence from private sector to government, and vice versa, and there is no problem. You can submit your papers to seek a transfer of residence. You don't have to complete 10 years; you can seek a transfer of residence now. And there should be no problem.

AFTER working for three years with my employer, I went home on vacation and stayed there for more than six months. My employer called me back on a new visa No. 18. My sponsor does not comply with our agreement and causes many problems. I'm asking for a release or a cancellation of my visa but he does not agree to my proposal. My visa expires in 1993.

1. I'm going on holiday in December. My visa will not be cancelled. If I stay outside the country for more than six months, can I return to Kuwait on a new visa for a new sponsor?

2. If my present employer comes to know I am returning, is there any problem for me? Can he have me blacklisted?

My record is clean.

P.R.

1. IF you stay more than six months, the visa will be cancelled automatically. If you

get a new visa, you can try to enter on the new visa. I suggest you go to the Immigration Department to ask them if they need the old sponsor's agreement to legalise the new residence papers.

2. Actually, there shouldn't be any problem because your residence under his sponsorship will be cancelled. However, there could be a problem if he has filed an absconding-from-duty case in a police station, then they can follow the case and there might be a problem.

I REFER to a recent reply published in the Legal Clinic of July 2, 1990. According to your answer, if an employee has unlimited contract, he/she has no right to ask for benefits if he/she has not completed five years service.

I'm on an unlimited contract, and I completed two years and eight months service. I have decided to resign and go back to my country. Will my employer shoulder my plane ticket and pay my vacation salary for two years and eight months?

Pons B.

YOU have the right to ask for an air ticket, according to the social affairs rules of 1989; and you also have the right to ask for payment of vacation leave for the two years and eight months, if you have not taken vacation. You are entitled to avail 14 working days annual leave each year.

I AM a West European engineer on a two years contract, drawing a salary of KD 700. I get four weeks paid leave per year. I started work last year.

1. Who should normally pay for all expenses, working visas and driving licence fees?

2. Do I have the right to ask for indemnity after completing my contract? How much is it?

KD 65m earmarked for hospital expansion

Four new health centres

THE Ministry of Health's construction projects budget is estimated at KD65 million, a senior health official said.

Increasing the existing hospital capacities and connecting first aid services to all health areas is the main objective of the construction plan, Yousuf Al Ateeqi, assistant undersecretary for General Services Affairs said.

Speaking to a local daily, the official said that costs of expanding Farwaniya, Jahra, Amceeri, Mubarak, Addan, Psychiatry, Physiotherapy, and Infectious Disease Hospitals are estimated at KD 42 million. On completion of expansion, a total of 1,240 extra beds will be added to all Kuwaiti hospitals, the official said and indicated that Mubarak Hospital will take a major share of the budget estimated at KD8,100,000.

Farwaniya Hospital will have additional 150 beds at a cost of KD4,250 million, with identical figures for Jahra Hospital. Expansion works at both these hospitals are expected to be completed by October 1993. Faiaka Health Centre is expected to begin operations after two and a half years.

Amceeri Hospital will have an additional 90 beds at a cost of KD3,250 million. Mubarak Hospital will have an additional 80 beds at a cost of KD8.1 million. Addan Hospital will be provided with 180 beds at a cost of KD7.6 million. The Psychiatry Hospital will account for KD1.25 million being expansion costs and the Physiotherapy Hospital will cost KD7.6 million for expansion. The Infectious Diseases Hospital will have additional beds expected to number over 100.

Priority

The official disclosed that establishing a building for Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialties has been postponed as it was not included in the current five-year plan. He reiterated that priority is given to projects that have the most pressing need.

Continuing on the issue of expansion, the official said that the current Expatriate Manpower Medical Examination Centre is incapable of accommodating the pressure at the current building and said that it is now necessary to establish a new building which will support the development of services at the current building. In this respect, the ministry has approved establishing a new building at a cost of KD3 million.

The ministry is currently studying the feasibility and viability of opening up other future projects

which include the establishment of Mishrif Hospital and developing existing infrastructure at Sabah Hospital.

The coming five-year plan, includes the establishment of four new health centres in Firdous, Bayan, Abu Halifa and Hawalli, Ateeqi said.

Continuing, he said that the rented buildings of the ministry have been completely restored and the ministry will also restore its old buildings located on the Gulf Road keeping in mind the preservation of their historical heritage. He indicated that some departments like the nursing, laboratories and radiology will be moved outside until restorations are completed.

Employees at the MPH returned to their offices in rented buildings from the new ministry buildings which is currently being used by the ministers council. Ateeqi said that the government appropriation department at the Ministry of Finance re-rented the buildings to the MPH at the old rents and expressed his appreciation to landlords for the comprehensive maintenance of these buildings.

Meanwhile, in organising the process of facilitating patients receiving medical treatment abroad the minister of health, Dr Abdul Wahab Al Fouzan is currently engaged in conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the parameters involved.

An official source said that over 90 per cent of patients who apply for treatment abroad can be effectively treated within Kuwait. To redress this issue, the minister has appointed specialised committees and the comprehensive results of their deliberations will be announced shortly, the sources added.

The source pointed out that unfortunately, in the majority of cases, it has been observed that these patients view it as a good opportunity to travel abroad during the summer season by seeking treatment abroad.

Meanwhile, the source stated that the MPH is continuing studies on the feasibility of opening private clinics at government hospitals for consultant doctors working at these hospitals. The study has indicated the type of clinics and has determined symbolic fees for the services of these doctors.

The concept is intended to improve working conditions of doctors, prevent resignations with the prime objective that these clinics will upgrade hospital performance and cut down on the need for extended appointments.

Pre-marital check-ups becoming a necessity

ON the subject of pre-marital medical tests people usually have mixed thoughts but with more children being born with deformities and disease people are beginning to see that these medical examinations are now a necessity.

Basem Ali Al Qassab, a 21-year-old student said that comprehensive medical examinations prior to marriage are vital to ensure healthy generations and to avoid any medical incompatibility between husband and wife.

Abdullah Ali Ghanem, a 25-year-old Saudi hoped that medical examinations are made compulsory before marriage, as this would be the ideal way to avoid having any handicapped children in the future. He said that most people who are not in favour of these tests are unaware of the importance of such examinations and others because they feel embarrassed.

Basema Moslem recently married stated that she intends to go through a comprehensive medical examination along with her husband within a month. But, added that it would have been far more practical if she and her husband had thought to do so before getting married. Frankly, she said, they did not do so through pure laziness.

Somali minister

KUWAIT, July 29, (Kuna): Somalia's Public Works and Housing Minister Mohammad Siad Mourgin arrived here today to convey a message from Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre to FH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

The Somali minister said upon arrival that the message deals with latest Arab developments. He gave no further details.

He added that he will discuss with Kuwaiti officials means of promoting bilateral relations.

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Kuwaiti staff at MPW only 31pc

Moves to attract national cadres

PUBLIC Works Ministry Undersecretary Mohammad Abdul Hameed Al Sane has described the ministry's administrative development strategy as resting on three major bases.

He told a local daily that this involved the development of manpower, upgrading departmental organisational structures to provide for better co-ordination and more effective integration, modernising and simplifying work systems and techniques in all engineering, technical, professional, administrative and financial fields.

He said that the ministry has deservedly gained credit for the great achievements realised on these three vital levels, through the co-operation and combination of

efforts between the staff and officials at the ministry.

The ministry's staff population is 5,110, of whom only 31 per cent (1,210) are Kuwaitis, and the remaining 3,900 are non-Kuwaitis, Sane said.

Incentives

He added that the ministry has been markedly active in attracting fresh Kuwaiti graduates from universities, colleges and institute from various specialisations adding that the lack of decent incentives and financial privileges has been a major obstacle to the ministry's efforts in this respect.

He said that the ministry, nevertheless,

is trying hard to utilise all other available moral incentives in service of new appointees, such as the organisation of suitable training courses and invitation of participants from different levels to join in the programmes, training seminars, local and international conferences and secondment of fresh engineers to professional consultant offices to acquire experience and derive needed professional know-how in their field.

He added that the ministry also encourages the promotion of qualified employees to higher positions and offered exceptional allowances as well as bonuses for outstanding performance, though with limited options.

The ministry has for years been going on with the process of replacing expats with Kuwaitis, but in an organised and carefully-studied manner in order not to disrupt work progress or inflict any technical damage on work performance levels, Sane said. He added that the ministry has in the recent past offered jobs to Kuwaiti graduates from different faculties, colleges and institutes.

The ministry also organised training courses for holders of secondary and intermediate education certificates of its Kuwaiti staff, through co-operation with the Paaet, in as much as their specialisations are deemed vitally important to work performance at the ministry.

Economic programme stagnant, says Naibari

'List of well-meaning intentions'

By Jadranka Porter

Arab Times staff

SEVEN months into its economic recovery programme Kuwait is facing the same problems the scheme was expected to help iron out — government spending is on the rise, so is unemployment among Kuwaitis. The private sector is in the doldrums and efforts to balance the population are undermined by an influx of expatriate labour.

This is a verdict pronounced by deputy chairman of the Kuwait Economic Society Abdulla Naibari.

"The economy is moving in the opposite direction from the one outlined in the programme," he said in an interview.

The programme announced last December was meant to rev up the economy after years of recession and stagnation caused by the Iraq-Iran war, a drop in oil prices and losses resulting from the unofficial stock market collapse. It sought to rationalise government spending, raise the proportion of Kuwaitis in the country's population by reducing the number of expatriates, ensure employment for all Kuwaitis and encourage the private sector to share more equitably the responsibility of economic development with the government.

But the programme is little more than a list of well-meaning intentions, claims Naibari. It is over-ambitious, lacks a manual that will spell out how to put certain plans into action and ignores political, legal and social implications. Citing an example, he said that new rules and laws are being introduced while the authorities turn a blind eye to widespread attempts to beat the system and sidestep the rules.

Arguing that the programme contradicts reality, he pointed out that rather than curb public expenditure the government has increased spending on ambitious projects and benefits for nationals. "There hasn't even been a minimum of rationalisation of spending which is contrary to what the programme calls for," said the economist.

Curbs on the influx of expatriate labour have not been adhered to, he said, and there are now 150,000 more expatriates in Kuwait than the programme



Abdulla Naibari

envisioned. In the meantime, hundreds of Kuwaitis are jobless and this problem will snowball in the future, he stressed. He recognised the private sector's reluctance to employ Kuwaitis, who are known to seek high wages and are considered less subservient and hardworking than expatriates, but he blamed the government for the absence of an effective employment policy.

"There is no employment programme to map out the integration of Kuwaitis into the private sector," he said. The private sector itself is struggling in the face of limited business opportunities in the country. Proposals to shift some government establishments into the private sector is not viable, according to Naibari.

"Some of these establishments are not profitable and there is a need for a study to pinpoint the weaknesses of state-run companies and suggest how the private sector can deal with these shortcomings," said the economist. "It seems to me that some of these companies want privatisation to solve their lack of liquidity rather than boost the economy, or at least they are confusing the two issues," he added.

More important, Kuwait has to assess the consequences of subjecting some of its services to market forces. Some of the services that could be privatised are the heavily subsidised utilities, he said. But that is highly unlikely as the consumers would not take kindly to a rise in charges. The underlying flaw of the economic programme and other government plans is a weak and self-serving public administration, said Naibari.

"Their priorities are elsewhere and the economy is of secondary importance," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ghana PM

KUWAIT, July 29, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir Sunday received visiting Prime Minister of Ghana Paul Victor Obeng, and the accompanying delegation.

Obeng delivered to His Highness a message from the President of Ghana.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Communications Habib Jowhar Hayat.

Amir receives

KUWAIT, July 29, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir received today Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and the accompanying delegation.

The meeting was attended by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and Palestinian ambassador to Kuwait.

Arafat was also received by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah.

French Muslims

KUWAIT, July 29, (Kuna): A delegation of an Islamic group, Association Islamique based at St Etienne Town near Lyon City is currently visiting Kuwait to collect donations to build the first Arab school in the area which is expected to be recognised by the French government.

20 kilos hashish in potatoes

THE Criminal Court sentenced an accused identified as K. to 15-years rigorous imprisonment, in addition to a fine of KD30,000 to be followed by deportation on being convicted of smuggling narcotics into the country.

The court heard that CID men suspected that a trailer driven by one identified as J. and carrying vegetables and fruit from Lebanon to Kuwait was also carrying hashish.

When the trailer passed the Kuwaiti border and was proceeding along Bayan, CID men called on the driver to halt. A search revealed about 20 kilos of hashish stuffed in potatoes.

In court the driver said that he had absolutely no knowledge of the contraband and accused the loader (identified as K.) of having placed the contraband.

He said that he took the trailer and had driven it at the Syrian-Jordanian border and the trailer was inspected by customs men at Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Kuwaiti customs centres.



Japanese charge d'affaires

Minister of Public Works Jassim Mohammad Al Mousa received Saturday at his office the charge d'affaires of the Japanese embassy in Kuwait Akio Shiota. Talks touched on issues of mutual interest.

PACI law violators to be penalised

15 days to settle

THE Public Authority for Civil Information has indicated five violations of the civil information system law.

Official sources at the authority indicated that the first violation is represented in not informing the authority of civil information modifications and entails a fine of KD100.

The second relates to hindering the provision of any information to the authority at a fine of KD300. The third is implemented upon violators presenting incorrect information to the civil information system and the fourth is using information provided by the authority for purposes other than those indicated by the authority. The fifth violation is giving any government or private authority a civil number not owned by the concerned individual deliberately, such violations are fined KD500 and or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Violators can settle a violation with the authority within 15 days after the violation report is issued. In this case an individual is required to pay KD20 as a fine. The authority expressed hopes that it will not be forced to refer any of the mentioned violations to the court.

Legal directives indicate that registering at the authority civil information system has specific dates during which individuals are requested to apply or they will be considered in violation. For Kuwaitis returning to the country, they have a maximum of thirty days after the date of their return. On the other hand, GCC citizens have 30 days to register at the authority from the date they arrive into the country

with the intention of residing here. Non-Kuwaitis have a thirty days maximum period from the date they receive their residence. For newly born Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis inside Kuwait they have a 60 days period from the date of birth.

Individuals should notify the Public Authority for Civil Information in case of any changes in civil information within a thirty days period from the changed date. Such information include civil data, individual details, like birth, marriage, divorce, nationality, residence, and death.

On the other hand, individual data include, name, address, marital status, academic qualification, job, place of work, religion and date of entering Kuwait for the first time.

In case of losing a civil identification card, an individual will be able to obtain a replacement after visiting the authority and filling the required application in addition to paying KD 10.

In order to facilitate applicants, postal services were utilised to send civil cards. Such services include, registering housemaids for the first time, renewing a residence and registering a newly born for the first time. Envelopes required for postal services are available at co-operative societies and markets in addition to bookshops.

Other facilities include authority telephone information services by contacting "2661000" and then entering the required civil number to receive information for the place of the civil card and the date of receipt. In order to request information about civil registration measures calls should be made to "2664000".

Invasion by ants normal: official

By Abdullah Al Shemari

AN official source at the Agricultural Guidance Department at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources has affirmed that the invasion of houses by colonies of ants is a natural phenomenon.

He told Al-Sayassah that this is evident during the summer and involves domestic ants called the Pharaoh which can be seen on walls and floors, coming out of fissures or scurrying around tables.

He said that ants inflict no serious damage, except devouring household stocks of bread, grains, honey, sugar and others. The source of this type of ant that raid residences, parks and farms contain large swarms and huge colonies of ants taking up millions of winged males and unwinged females who sprout wings upon mating.

The source said that the black ant, park ant, harvest ant, red sugar ant, honey ant, red timber ant and large desert ant, ant with golden hairs and lastly fast-moving ants are the types commonly found on Kuwaiti soil.

He pointed out that any appropriate insecticide will be effective to wipe out the invading swarms of ants. House ants should also be fought through blocking up fissures, holes and keeping food well away and covered from the reach of ants, the official said.

Preparations on for 5th housing week

THE National Housing Authority is currently making great preparations for the celebration of the Fifth Housing Week and the Arab International Housing Day which will be held in Fintas from October 1 to 8. These will include lectures and symposia, with a brief account on the activities organised during the previous weeks prepared by the NHA.

The account will highlight the aim of holding the first housing week which centered on raising citizens' awareness of his role in safeguarding public money as well as his money which is spent on making changes in government supplied houses, and to identify the requirements of citizens for government houses.

The main features of the Second Housing Week was the participation of the private sector, through local companies and establishments through the latest construction and building technologies, and to identify the possibilities and potentials of this sector. The Third Housing Week involved the honouring of former ministers who rendered valuable services to citizens in the field of providing appropriate houses for Kuwaiti families.

The Fourth Housing Week focussed on the concept of beautifying and maintaining government-supplied housing units, and optimum utilisation of main house components, such as lighting, furniture, interior and exterior landscaping.

Kuwaiti attacked in London night-club

AN unidentified Kuwaiti citizen was attacked by a man in a night-club in London, a local daily reported.

The hospital report indicated that the Kuwaiti suffered serious damage to his ear which was the result of being attacked with a sharp instrument. No reasons were provided as to why the Kuwaiti was attacked.

Rida shooting new TV serial

FOR audiences, actor Abdul Husain Abdul Rida implants happiness into their hearts. He was capable of fighting back particularly after the harsh media campaign he was subjected to. He is a very active actor in the studio. Spectators have been touched by the many talents in his distinguished style of acting. He occupies a positive place in the heart of local and Gulf audiences. At Dasma Studio work is under way to prepare for a new television serial. Actor Abdul Husain Abdul Rida plays a major role and is bounding back to his beloved audience after a long absence.

A local daily interviewed Rida while he was working. He pointed out that he is happy working at Dasma Studio where he presented audiences with his best works like "Darb Al Zalaq," "Aqdar" and others. He pointed out that being optimistic is good for him and he praised the efforts exerted by the Joint Television Production Establishment for GCC countries headed by its general director Abdul Wahhab Al Sultan in providing the studio and all other facilities.

He praised the level of co-operation among all television officials and sectors adding that this experiment is considered a fruit of artistic co-operation. He



Rida (second left) with the cast of his new TV serial.

expressed hope that the serial will be ready for broadcasting for the October TV season.

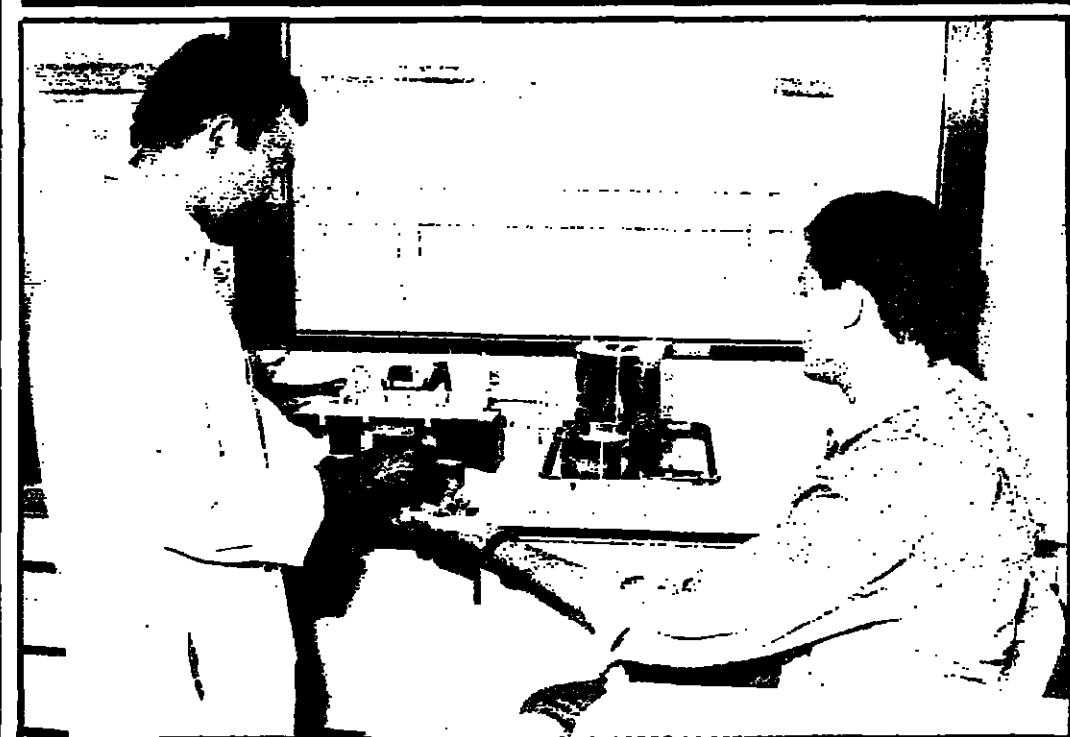
He said that the current serial will present several social issues through a structured personality in light comic style. Rida was not ready to talk any more about his

new acting role because he wants his audiences gasping when he hits the screen.

With respect of actors and actresses participating in the new television serial, he pointed out that they have been selected according to the specific roles.

He said that the work team includes the most ideal to provide an ideal show for the public.

He indicated that in addition to the new serial, he is currently working on writing and conducting four songs.



A donor being tested at the Central Blood Bank.

Payment to blood donors honorarium for services

FINANCIAL rewards paid to blood donors as approved by the Ministry of Health are not payments per se, but honorariums extended in appreciation for humanitarian services rendered by the donor.

Elucidating, the head of the Blood Derivatives and Freezing Unit at the Central Blood Bank, Dr Ossama Sharawi said that as the awareness of the magnitude of the gesture of donating blood which is life-saving gains wider exposure, donors will voluntarily forgo such honorariums.

The official pointed out that on publication of news of the Iran earthquake a large number of donors called at the blood bank to donate blood "gratis". These donations have now been stopped upon the specific request of the Iranian government who confirmed that they had reached their level of requirements.

As evidence of the support of donors, the official said that since the establishment of the blood bank in 1965, no blood was imported which attested to the goodwill of donors. He said that the number of donors during Eid Al Adha averaged 50 to 70 during the morning periods.

In addition to collecting blood, Sharawi pointed out that the bank also undertakes the responsibility of classifying and grouping blood to assist hospitals.

Donors are thoroughly screened prior to their acceptance. This is a vital safety procedure intended to safeguard the interests of both the donor and the recipient. A donor recoups his blood within two months, without the need for any medication or the need to supplement his meals.

Rare blood types belong to the negative family — particularly — B, Sharawi said.

Fawzeza Naser Ali, a storekeeper at the blood bank stated that since working at the bank, she had donated blood on two occasions. During her working experience at the bank, she said that she had observed that the number of female blood donors is less than males. Further, she added that the bank witnesses fewer donors during school and college exams and during summer holidays.

She said that some donors refuse to accept money and are therefore given other gifts, including letters of appreciation from the Ministry of Public Health.

Jassem Mohammed Al Najjar said that he has donated blood over 12 times so far upon directives from the doctor and said that he does so every three months in order to replenish his blood cycle. He said he is benefited as he receives a thorough medical check up each time he goes to donate blood. He said that he has observed that the strength of his blood increases with every donation he makes.

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Law governs press freedom

Soviet writers face struggle

NEEDHAM, Mass. (CSM): No laws governed press freedom in the Soviet Union when Sergei Buranov left Moscow in early June for a journalism exchange programme in the United States.

But on June 12, the first such law passed the Supreme Soviet after a bitter, year-long struggle between liberals and conservatives. When Buranov returns home, the sea change in press freedom that he and other journalists urged for more than two years will be largely written into law.

In a deep and deliberate voice, however, Buranov warns that Soviet journalists and their allies "face a tough struggle in the years ahead." A special problem will be rural areas where conservatives are still in power, he says, and conservatives throughout the country will use the new freedoms to fight perestroika (restructuring). But the fundamental problem right now, he stresses, is that there are no legal precedents.

Constitution

The Soviet constitution has a generic provision for freedom of the press that has never been applied, he says. And the country is without an independent judiciary to interpret basic questions regarding the rights of the individual and groups versus the state. Further, the printing presses and the paper supply are still controlled by the state, he says in remarkably fluent English.

"Precedents must be established at the same time that glasnost (openness) is achieved in our society, step by step," says Buranov. "Enforcement of the new press law is, for example, yet to be discussed by parliament," he continues. "This is true about other new laws as well, because our courts are in transition. They must learn the rule of law."

But "when an editor will try to penetrate a government agency for information, that will set a precedent. When an agency tries to withhold information and a paper goes to court, that will set a precedent. This will all take time, of course." Libel suits, too, will set precedents, he notes.

Buranov was hosted in the US by William Barrett, publisher of Suburban World Inc., which owns a chain of newspapers west of Boston. Barrett, who spent three weeks in Russia this spring, served up a full slice of American life to the journalist — from a ride in a traffic helicopter to a baseball game to a hometown gathering where he met and quietly charged local citizens.

Gathering

At the gathering, Buranov helped a high school girl with her Russian and paged through a 1943 issue of Life magazine brought by a roofer who said he wanted to represent the US working man. The magazine, with its large portrait of Stalin on the cover, seemed to fascinate the Soviet journalist.

Buranov is a correspondent for the wire agency Novosti, and worked for five years as a Soviet correspondent in New Zealand. His father, also a journalist, first sparked his interest in the news business. His mother, an English teacher, is partially responsible for his remarkably fluency. Buranov himself is divorced, with two school-aged children.

While in the United States, he wrote a guest column on the new Soviet press law for one of Barrett's papers, the Needham (Mass.) Times. In the column, he related that the entire staff of a small paper in the city of Noginsk, near Moscow, was fired "for not bowing to political pressure." He also said that "at least two journalists were murdered under circumstances which raised concerns of political revenge." He told the Monitor that the Moscow Press Association subsequently started giving money to the Noginsk newspaper staff, and that they have now started their own independent paper.

Liberal

Two Soviet specialists in the US State Department who spoke with the Monitor agree that the new Soviet press law is indeed liberal.

"This press law may be historic in more ways than one," says one specialist who asked not to be named. "The Soviet Council of Ministers, about six months ago, sent a conservative press law to the Supreme Soviet — which threw it in the wastebasket. A parliamentary committee then wrote a completely new law, which the conservatives tried to water down. But they did not succeed. This may be the first law in the Soviet Union to have such a dramatic legislative history."

New Soviet press law

— The right to publish is given to individuals and to unofficial (private) groups.

— Censorship of the press is forbidden, although libel must be avoided.

— Responsibility for divulging secret information rests with those who leak it. An additional law is expected in this area.

— Government officials are not to hamper the legitimate professional activity of journalists.

— Government officials are not to force journalists to distribute information, nor are they to force journalists to prepare material that runs counter to the journalists' convictions.

— Journalists are not to be forced to sign material that has been distorted during the editorial process.

— A delineation is made between publishers and editors, and the latter are to have editorial freedom.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1646 — French troops aided by Swedish Army invade Bavaria.
- 1709 — British forces under Duke of Marlborough and Savoy's Prince Eugene defeat French at Tournai in Belgium.
- 1870 — Austria revokes concordat with Papacy after decree of Papal infallibility.
- 1907 — Elections are held in Philippines for the first assembly.
- 1916 — German saboteurs blow up munitions plant on Black Top Island, near Jersey City, New Jersey, prior to US entry in World War I.
- 1922 — Nationalist forces capture Tipperary in Ireland from rebels.
- 1930 — Kurds stage uprising on Persian-Turkish frontier.
- 1948 — Hungarian leader Zoltan Tildy is forced to resign; Amnesty is proclaimed in Philippines for Huk rebels but they refuse to comply.
- 1953 — Britain signs alliance with Libya.
- 1971 — US Apollo 15 astronauts David R. Scott and James B. Irwin land on moon.
- 1972 — Soviet Union's Navy says it can detect and destroy enemy vessel anywhere in world.
- 1974 — Greece, Turkey and Britain sign declaration for ceasefire agreement on Cyprus.
- 1976 — It is reported that at least 10,000 people have perished in earthquake in northeastern China that shattered the city of Tangshan (Tangshan).
- 1977 — Syrian soldiers of Arab League's peacekeeping force in Lebanon set up gun positions around two main Palestinian refugee camps to help control guerrillas.
- 1988 — Bomb explodes at busy shopping plaza outside Johannesburg, South Africa, injuring at least 57 people.
- 1989 — Poland's government announces controversial programme to end food price controls and meat rationing.

Berlin for Bonn

Where to put the capital

Capital choice proves divisive

Bonn or Berlin? Germans debate

As unification looms ahead for Germany, some obstacles stand in the way. The choice of a capital for a unified Germany is at the forefront. Should it be Bonn or Berlin? Barbara Kellerman, dean of graduate studies and research at Fairleigh Dickinson University gives an insight on a forum she attended on the subject in Bonn.

in his beloved Rhineland, took the high road in his rhetoric: "The capital should be situated... where Germany's windows are wide open to the West.... Whoever makes Berlin the new capital will be creating a new spiritual Prussia." Thus — although a third alternative, Frankfurt, was considered — was the dichotomy established: Berlin versus Bonn, the East versus the West, the old order versus the new.

Message

Then as now Germans presume that their capital is their message, that what it is what Germany is. If the decision is made to ditch Bonn in favour of Berlin, one set of signals will be sent. If, to the contrary, the determination is to stay put, to join West and East Germany under the banner of Bonn, the tidings will be quite different. Since the Germans themselves are attaching great symbolic importance to their selection of a capital — the word for capital in German, Hauptstadt, also means "main city" — Americans should do the same.

What will their choice of a capital tell us about how Germans see themselves?

Those who argue on behalf of Berlin cite public opinion polls that even in West Germany support relocation of the capital. There is strong sentiment

among Germans for going home, for going back to the place where — powerful memories of Hitler strutting down its broad avenues notwithstanding — architectural glories such as the Brandenburg Gate and Alexanderplatz testify to a great city in the heart of Europe. In fact, the case is made that precisely because Berlin is associated with National Socialism it, much more than Bonn, would compel Germans to remember their past.

But there is a subtlety here, one that suggests strongly that so far as American interests are concerned, Germany's capital should remain Bonn. The US has two priorities regarding unified Germany: first, that it further the strong democracy that was established in West Germany a mere 40 years ago; and second, that it be anchored to the West, particularly to NATO (or its successor) and the European Community. Berlin is less well positioned than Bonn to support these objectives.

History

Because of Berlin's history it plays to those Germans who dream of a strong national state. And because of its geography — Germany was always regarded as the east of the West and the west of the East — it plays to those Germans who long for a Europe dominated by Germany rather than one in which Germany is fully integrated. Other Europeans, including the Soviets, are particularly sensitive to what Berlin evokes: militarism, authoritarianism, centralisation, expansionism, the hunger for power.

Bonn is, necessarily, also a symbol. But the message it sends was forged only in the recent — and far happier — past: trust in German democracy, belief in Western values, European integration.

In its short history as the capital of West Germany, Bonn has served its country, and the international community, remarkably well. The Bush administration should weigh in on behalf of a city that has emerged as the seedbed of a German tradition in keeping with America's own.

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Right-wing movement emerges

Italian electorate switches allegiance

ROME, (CSN): The rise of the Lombard League, a new right-wing movement, has stunned Italy's political establishment.

The independence movement made spectacular headway in May's elections, which catapulted it to the second-ranking party after the Christian Democrats in the northern Italian region of Lombardy and to the fourth rank nationally.

Political analysts here see the League's success and the decline of the Italian Communist Party as a shift to the right by the Italian electorate.

One of the League's campaign themes was its opposition to the central government of Rome.

"We are tired of supporting a government that only gives us disastrous public services. And we feel above all Lombard, not Italian," says Sen. Umberto Bossi, the League's leader and founder.

The former mathematics teacher adds that the League aims to change Italy's Constitution to grant autonomy for Lombardy, which has Milan as its capital and is Italy's richest and most-advanced region.

In principle, Socialist Prime Minister Bettino Craxi supports the League's demand for greater regional autonomy. "They want to liberate Lombardy," he says. "But if they don't get back to a democratic platform, we'll make sure that Lombardy is liberated from them."

In fact, the League's politics trouble many analysts. The party's sudden popularity feeds on the same xenophobic and racist sentiments that boosted

France's National Front of Jean-Marie Le Pen, says Joseph LaPalombara, professor of political science at Yale University. "The racist dimension is hardly even camouflaged," he says.

The League is hostile toward Italians who left the poor southern regions en masse in the 1960s for opportunities in the industrialised north, says political analysts. And, they add, it is racist toward Italy's burgeoning masses of recent Third World immigrants.

Italian President Francesco Cossiga and other leading politicians have also sharply criticised the League for undermining national unity and contravening the basic principles that led to Italian unification in 1861.

League officials deny charges that they are racist and that they want to destroy the unity of Italy. But Bossi has pledged to launch a referendum to repeal Italy's new immigration law, which his group rejects as too liberal; the League says unemployed immigrants should be deported.

The League's support is strongest in the cities of Brescia and Bergamo. But its strength carried a number of similar local parties to power in other wealthy northern regions, such as Veneto, Piedmont, and Emilia Romagna.

Bossi says he does not want to participate in local politics without autonomy from Rome. Still, he claims his party has only begun to tap a reservoir of support and predicts that in the next national elec-

tions, which are expected in 1991, support for his party will grow to around 8 percent of the electorate.

The prospects of a powerful right-wing party taking root in Italy worries Dr LaPalombara. The League, as the League's local parties are collectively called, "are not tainted by the association with Fascism that made the MSI an anachronism," he says, referring to the traditional neo-fascist Movimento Sociale Italiano, whose support is waning. In the Milan City Council elections, the MSI vote was nearly halved.

League leaders inveigh against the transfer of the wealth from the north to the south for development projects and take a dim view of the entire southern political class.

The League's leap forward at the polls — to 5.6 percent of the Italian vote — was a measurement of Italians' distrust of the political establishment, which is seen widely to be catering to clientele interests. A poll conducted after the regional elections showed that many League supporters in fact considered themselves left of centre.

Most parties see the League as something of a political pariah.

Republic Party secretary Giorgio La Malfa says the success of the League is "a harsh protest against the political parties and a sign of malaise that comes from the most developed part of the country, where the contrast between the efficiency of the private system and the inefficiency of the public system is perceived more strongly."

'Poverty bomb' ripe for explosion in Third World: UN official

WASHINGTON, (CSM): A high-ranking United Nations official warned that a "poverty bomb" could soon explode in Third World countries with serious consequences for Europe, North America, and other developed areas.

Thorvald Stoltenberg, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, says hundreds of millions of people living in poverty are already beginning to leave their homelands in search of better lives.

"This is a mass movement of people that... will be one of the most dramatic developments of the 1990s," he says. The dimensions of the problem are "not yet fully grasped by governments, people, or parliaments."

The surge of people from Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East should be recognised as a serious, long-term security problem by Western organizations, such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Stoltenberg says.

The commissioner's comments, made at a meeting with reporters, echo warnings from other experts on world population. In the May/June issue of "The American Enterprise," for example, a French demographer writes about the potential "Africanization" and "Islamization" of Europe during the next several decades.

Jean-Claude Chesnais, head of the demography and social department at the Institute National d'Etudes Demographiques in Paris, says Europe will feel the impact of two historic population developments.

First, declining birthrates in Europe will shrink the supply of native workers. Already in some European regions and communities, such as Liguria, Italy, deaths exceed births by a wide margin.

Second, birthrates in Africa are holding at record-high levels. African women are averaging between four and six

children each.

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S. Africa
Govt alleges
Reds want
to grab power

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa. (AP): Government charges of a communist plot to seize power have cast a shadow over talks on ending white-minority rule and put pressure on the African National Congress' alliance with the communists.

Police claim to have uncovered evidence of a conspiracy by the South African Communist Party and elements of the ANC's military wing to seize power if talks on ending white rule fail. They say they've found a number of arms dumps and have arrested some 40 militants, though no one has been charged.

The alleged "red plot" has created confusion in South Africa, leading to the government trading accusations and denials with the ANC and the closely allied Communist Party.

Evidence

Police have not publicly presented evidence of their conspiracy claims, and some anti-apartheid activists believe the security forces are attempting to undermine black-white negotiations.

Leaders on both sides are concerned the dispute could threaten efforts by the government and the ANC to clear the way for full-scale talks on sharing political power with the black majority.

President F.W. de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela are scheduled to meet Aug 6 to try to clear remaining obstacles to the talks, including ANC demands for the release of jailed militants. The government wants an end to the ANC's ineffective armed struggle and a ceasefire.

De Klerk and other senior government leaders reportedly see the communists as a major threat and want communist leader Joe Slovo dropped from the ANC talks delegation. Police say the communists duped Mandela and top ANC leaders.

Slovo is one of several communist leaders who also hold top posts in the ANC.

Local press reports say police findings include records of remarks by Slovo at party meetings that the communists are not bound by a commitment signed by the ANC and the government in May to halt political violence. Slovo and other communists were part of the ANC negotiating team in those talks.

Denies

Mandela denies there is any plot to seize power. He said De Klerk failed to convince him when the president presented him with details of the police's findings Thursday at a private meeting.

The dispute between the government and the ANC has refocused attention on the Communist Party and its intentions.

Slovo, the party's secretary-general, says the communists are committed to democracy. He says the party will become the voice of the working class in a post-apartheid South Africa.

The former lawyer backs the party's need to get back on its hard-line Marxist post. He says the party will seek power peacefully and denies claims it wants dictatorial rule.

Slovo remains convinced socialism can succeed in South Africa despite the collapse of communist governments in Eastern Europe.

"Perhaps the reason they changed their names and their leadership and their policies is because they have a past to be ashamed of," Slovo said of the East European communists. "I don't think we have."

Critics charge the communists have not changed. They claim the communists want to impose a Marxist society that will lead to totalitarian dictatorship, collapse of the economy and widespread unrest and suffering.

Criticism

"Behind the smiling mask lies an organization that thrives on secrecy. Totalitarian, driven by fascist instincts, undemocratic, manipulative," wrote Ken Own, the editor of Business Day, the country's leading financial daily.

Despite criticisms, the ANC has stood by its long alliance with the communists. Mandela says he will work with anyone to end apartheid and the communists have long played a prominent role in that struggle.

Mandela also dismisses charges that the ANC is partly or totally controlled by communists.

The Communist Party keeps details of its leadership and membership secret, making it difficult to assess its strength. It is thought to number just a few hundred militants, but many occupy leadership posts in the ANC, trade unions and other political groups.

The communists would appear to have no chance of seizing power because of the overwhelming strength of government security forces.

The ANC's military campaign is virtually non-existent, due to a cut-off of military aid after the fall of sympathetic communist governments in East Europe, internal problems and the superiority of the South African forces.

Mandela has clung to the armed struggle as a bargaining chip and says the ANC has not launched a major operation or killed anyone in months. Police do not contradict the ANC's claims.

QUOTE ME

"The follow-on is the key but I feel confident we can make it as I have been timing the ball well, Kapil Dev is batting nicely and there are a couple more useful players to come." — Azharuddin on the cricket Test between England and India.

"Theory has predicted this new moon for years. It's very gratifying to find that the theory was correct." — David Morrison, chief of Ames space science division on discovering a small moon embedded in Saturn's outermost ring.

"We want to assure all members of the diplomatic corps and foreigners that they are safe. We want to assure the public at large that their safety is assured." — Imam Yasin Abu Bakr, leader of the radical group which claims to have toppled Trinidad and Tobago government.

"I must say that a lack of room for manoeuvre could force us to interfere more in economic activity. I am convinced that the world needs our perestroika no less than we do." — Mikhail Gorbachev.

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Slower start to pilot plan

Afghan repatriation

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, July 29. (Agencies): The United Nations extended a repatriation plan for Afghan refugees to a second Pakistani province yesterday, but officials said only a few had left for their war-ravaged country.

The Pakistan-based Afghan rebel government repeated its opposition to the three-month pilot plan and warned the returning refugees of possible harm from air and rocket attacks by the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

President Sibghatullah Mojiddi of the rebel Afghan Interim Government (AIG) said in a statement his coalition of six mujahedeen parties opposed the repatriation.

"The AIG cannot guarantee the safety of the returning refugees because air and rocket attacks by the puppet regime can be expected anywhere at any moment," he said.

"The returning refugees will themselves be responsible for any casualties they may suffer. Then being sorry will be of no use."

But the Afghan consul in Peshawar, Zia-ud-Din Zaimy, said his government would protect returnees and help them resettle.

The UN authorities launched the effort to spur voluntary repatriation with cash and food on Wednesday in the western province of Baluchistan, bordering southern Afghanistan.

Each returning refugee family will receive a cash grant of 3,300 rupees (\$150) and the equivalent of three months' wheat rations of about 300 kg (660 pounds).

Six exit points were opened yesterday in the North-West Frontier Province, which borders eastern Afghanistan.

Pakistani Refugee Commissioner Gulzar Khan said he did not expect an immediate large-

scale exodus of Afghans who have fled the 12-year guerrilla war in their country.

"It may take them 10 to 15 days to make up their minds," he said.

UN authorities say they hope 250,000 refugees will join the pilot project, despite opposition from rebel groups.

"It is not practical, physically," said AIG Information Minister Najibullah Luraie. "It would give the wrong impression to the world that the situation is returning to normal."

About 3 million Afghans fled to Pakistan after 1979 when Soviet soldiers marched into Afghanistan to crush a growing Muslim insurgency and install their communist allies in Kabul.

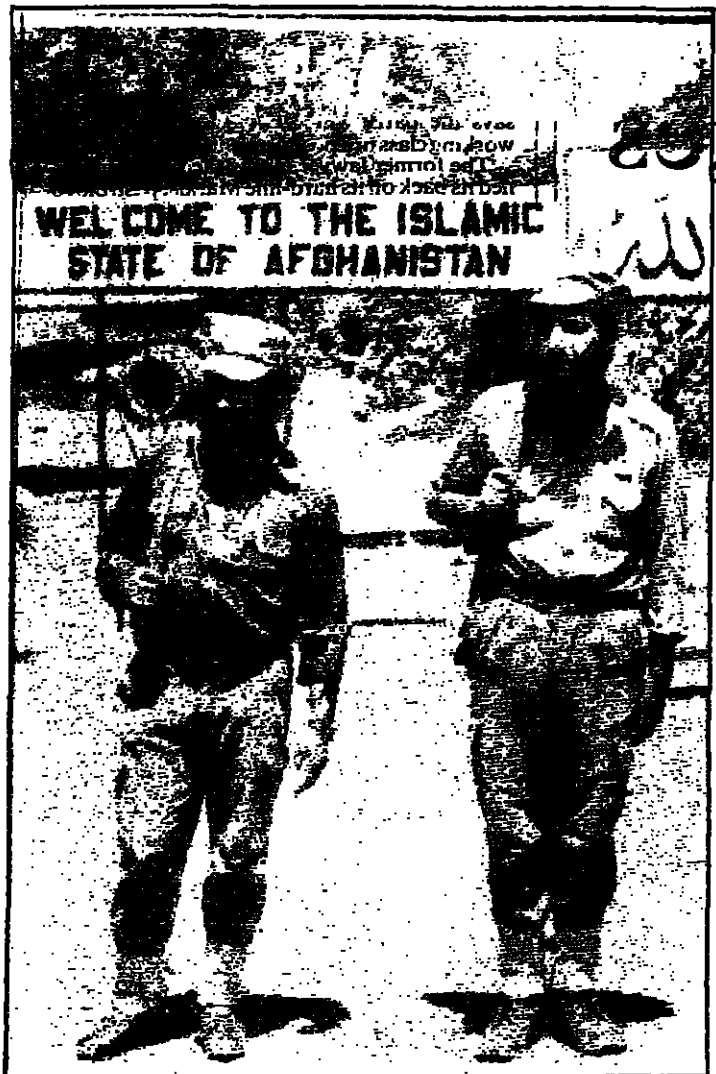
An additional 2 million refugees are living in Iran. It wasn't known whether the repatriation scheme had begun in Iran.

Jan Alam, an Afghan refugee, said Islamic clerics warned their congregations on Friday, the Muslim holyday, not to return to Afghanistan.

"The mullahs (clerics) warned that if we go back we would be kafirs (non-Muslims)," Alam said. He heard the warnings during Friday prayers at the sprawling Nasir Baugh refugee camp, outside Pakistan's border city of Peshawar.

Muslim clerics from the Soviet Union left for home today without the prisoners of war they hoped to collect from Afghan rebels.

Mohammad Sadik, chairman of the Muslim religious board for Central Asia and Kazakhstan, said at a news conference that Pakistan donated \$545,000 to help finance construction of a mosque in Soviet Central Asia.



Two Afghan rebels stand guard on the Pakistan-Afghan border July 28. (Reuters wirephoto)

Libya denies Chad claim on build-up

NICOSIA, July 29. (Reuters): Libya has denied Chadian charges that it had used a peace accord as a pretext to build up its military forces. The Libyan news agency Jana reported today.

It said the Foreign Ministry summoned Chad's ambassador yesterday to clarify comments by Chadian Foreign Minister Acheikh Ibn Oumar in Paris on Friday who said Libya had bought time to rearm by signing the August 1989 ceasefire in Algiers.

The agency reiterated Libya's support for a peaceful solution to rival territorial claims over the Aouzou Strip, a vast desert area on Chad's northern border with Libya.

The Chadian minister makes a statement in which he files baseless accusations and tries to cast doubt about the Libyan position," Jana quoted the Foreign Ministry as saying.

Acheikh appealed to France on Friday to reinforce its troops in Chad, accusing Libya of creating obstacles to solving their border dispute by the August 31 deadline by finding pretexts or by applying military pressure.

A last round of Chad-Libya talks before the Algiers accord expires was due to be held next month.

Quake hits Iran

An earthquake measuring 4.6 on the Richter scale shook a town in Iran's oil-rich province of Khuzestan yesterday, the second to hit the area in four days.

The Iranian news agency Irna said the tremor was centred 450 km (280 miles) southwest of Tehran, near the town of Andimeshk. It did not report any casualties or damage.

An earthquake registering 5.2 on the Richter scale jolted Khuzestan's capital Ahwaz last Wednesday, causing panic among residents. (Reuters)

Oichen in Algiers: Chinese Foreign Minister Qichen Qian arrived here last night on an official three-day visit to Algeria to hold talks with his Algerian counterpart Ahmed Ghazali on bilateral relations and means of enhancing them in various spheres, an official report said.

The two ministers will also discuss current international issues, the Middle East conflict, and co-operation between China and Arab Maghreb Union states in addition to the situation in Southeast Asia. (Kuna)

Hassan opens food confab: Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan urged Arab states to adopt new policies to ensure guaranteed food and water supplies for the future.

In an opening statement before a conference on food security attended by representatives from twenty Arab countries, Prince Hassan reiterated that the Arab nation is "facing real and serious challenges."

He said "the national security (of the Arab world) is inevitably exposed to danger unless food security is secured," and urged Arab governments to best utilise existing resources to achieve self-reliance in the food production. (Kuna)

Tunisia-Jordan accord

Jordan and Tunisia signed yesterday an agreement for co-operation in the fields of youth, sports and children.

The agreement called for increasing joint sports activities through co-ordination of efforts and programmes and urged institutions in both countries to exchange expertise and literature in the other two fields.

The agreement was signed by the ministers of youth and sports in Tunisia and Jordan Hmoud Bin Salama and Ibrahim Al Gabasha respectively. (Kuna)

Maguid hails step: Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Dr Sami Abdel-Maguid said yesterday that the meeting called for by Saudi Arabia to narrow differences between Kuwait and Iraq was "a pioneering and a blessed step which comes to the benefit of the Arab nation."

Speaking to the Jordanian television this evening, Maguid said he hopes this meeting would contribute to reaching "a positive outcome in a form that would ensure containing the crisis and ending the dispute between the two brotherly countries." (Kuna)

Agriculture ministers meet: Arab agriculture ministers met in Amman for the second day running today to discuss among other things collective action to fight desertification in the Arab world.

The ministers, holding the 20th ordinary session of their council, will discuss a "green belt" project and financial resources of the Organisation of Arab Agricultural Development.

In an extraordinary session which ended last night, the ministers examined recommendations on the setting up of pan-Arab bodies on water resources, grains and a fund for agricultural development. (Kuna)

Aoun may not withstand punitive sanctions

BEIRUT, July 29. (Reuters): Stubborn but weakened General Michel Aoun, holding out in Lebanon's Christian enclave, may not be able to withstand President Elias Hiriawi's newly announced package of punitive sanctions.

Fuel, food, ammunition and public money will all be even shorter supply in the shell-scattered enclave if the sanctions are successful. Previous campaigns to oust him have, however, failed.

Diplomatic sources said civilian support for Aoun was at an all time low because of the more than 1,100 people killed and the destruction of much of East Beirut in inter-Christian battles

with his former Lebanese Forces militia allies.

An estimated 350,000 people live in Aoun's fragile mini-state in the suburbs of East Beirut and hills to the northeast.

"Aoun's enclave, let alone Aoun himself, won't collapse tomorrow or next week because of another blockade. But his ground for manoeuvre and resources to resist are steadily disappearing," said a diplomat in East Beirut.

Hiriawi's cabinet in Muslim West Beirut yesterday agreed to sanctions against Aoun, who has refused to recognise the Syrian-backed president since he was elected last November.

The cabinet said the measures were taken against the 54-year-old general, held up in the Ba'abda presidential palace in an East Beirut suburb, "for obstructing the peace process and prolonging the suffering of the people."

Sanctions include:

- A ban on fuel and other essentials from West Beirut and Syrian-controlled areas.
- The West Beirut-based Central Bank will stop paying salaries for government workers in Aoun-controlled territory and will no longer transfer money to its branches there.
- An embargo on military spare parts

and ammunition from entering Aoun's areas. The general received some shells from Syrian-held territory at the height of his conflict with LF leader Samir Geagea.

A threat of tough action against diplomats dealing with Aoun.

Diplomatic and Lebanese political sources believe the new blockade will take three to four months to bite deep enough to seriously hurt Aoun.

He has survived earlier attempts to squeeze him including a land and sea siege, a limited set of sanctions after Hiriawi's election and a successful LF

drive to stop ships reaching Aoun-held areas.

Since the May deadlock in the four-month-long war between the LF and Aoun's 15,000 troops for control of the enclave, Geagea has vowed to co-operate with the Hiriawi government and its peace plans.

Geagea is unlikely to throw Aoun a lifeline, the sources said.

Already short on fuel, businessmen in Aoun-held areas were struggling to recover from the inter-Christian conflict before the new sanctions were announced.

First fatal bombing in many years on a Tel Aviv beach

Israel holds eight Arabs

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 29. (Reuters): Israeli police detained eight Palestinians today on suspicion of plotting a bombing on a crowded Tel Aviv beach that killed a Canadian teenager from a Jewish tour group.

The pipe-bomb blast yesterday killed Marni Kimmelman, an 17-year-old woman from Toronto. Hospitals released 18 sunbathers wounded by the bomb but admitted an Arab hit over the head in one of several attacks by revenge-seeking Israelis.

Deputy Police Commander Yehuda Vilk told reporters the eight suspects came from the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where Palestinians have been waging a 31-month-long revolt against Israeli rule.

It was the first fatal bombing in many years on a Tel Aviv beach and took place on the Jewish Sabbath when thousands of holidaymakers pack the Mediterranean coast.

No Palestinian group claimed responsibility.

Police denied any link to a foiled sea-borne raid by Palestinians in May which military officials said was intended to slaughter holidaymakers.

The attack was the most serious on Jews since a pipe bomb in a Jerusalem market killed a 72-year-old Israeli and wounded nine in May.

Saturday's home-made bomb was hidden in a beach bag placed between two chairs near a life-guard station. It blew up around 2.30 pm, spraying shrapnel into the legs of bathers. One of the suspects was seen fleeing at the time.

Doctors said the blast tore through Kimmelman's liver and a major vein in her stomach. An uncle arrived from Toronto on Sunday to collect her body.

Three of the wounded were Canadians from Kimmelman's youth group, on a six-week holiday in Israel. Some of the group returned to Canada.

"I feel angry but you feel scared at the same time. It could have happened to anybody on that beach," said one young woman.

"There's a million people out there and it had happen to Marni of all people. And the Canadians were here for six weeks out of our whole life and it happens," she said.

Police dispersed hundreds of incensed Israelis who shouted "bash their heads" at Arabs. They pounced on Palestinians in cars bearing licence plates from the occupied territories and in a hotel where Arab labourers live.

The revenge attacks, which injured seven Arabs, prompted condemnations from Israeli politicians and police alike.

Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat said: "We can't behave in this wild and barbaric way. One cannot jump on a man because he is an Arab and beat him."



Israeli police search for evidence (left) after a homemade pipe bomb exploded on a crowded Tel Aviv beach. And (at right) police arrest Jewish demonstrators who shouted 'Death to Arabs' (Reuters wirephotos)



PLO turns blind eye to criticism

TUNIS, July 29. (Reuters): The mainstream of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is turning a blind eye to Egyptian press criticism and does not take seriously reports of a serious rift with the Egyptian leadership, PLO officials say.

Egypt's state-owned newspapers and magazines, which often act under official guidance, have been attacking the PLO, including PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in person, on and off for more than a week.

No prominent member of the PLO has hit back at the attacks, which started after an Arafat speech to a meeting of Arab League ministers in Tunis on July 15.

A senior member of Arafat's mainstream Fatah group told Reuters today, "It has happened before and no doubt it will happen again. We won't be dragged into a war of words."

Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's political (foreign affairs) department, told a news conference this week, "We have good relations (with Egypt). We might have family disputes but they can easily be resolved."

Some PLO leaders felt that Egypt was putting more effort into persuading the PLO to accept US conditions than into persuading Washington to reconsider its decision.

Egypt felt that the PLO risked burning its bridges with Washington by pressing for Arab League resolutions which "insulted" the US administration, Arab diplomats said.

"If you want someone to talk to you, denouncing them and insulting them is probably not the best way to go about it," one Egyptian diplomat said.

Arab diplomats said the Egyptian press campaign came as a complete surprise as there was nothing in Arafat's speech to the Arab ministers to justify such a virulent response.

"I heard the speech and thought nothing of it. He merely explained that if you gave the Israelis an inch, they would take 500 miles, but he didn't imply Egyptian policy was mistaken," an Arab ambassador told Reuters.

Shamir drops poll plans

Israel opts for direct talks with Arabs

BAGHDAD, July 29. (AP): A senior Palestinian official claimed today that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has dropped his plans for an election in the occupied territories.

Bassem Abu Sharif, the political adviser to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, reiterated Arafat's belief that Shamir has instead opted for direct Arab-Israeli talks to settle the Middle East conflict.

"In Israel, Shamir's spokesman Avi Pazner denied that the election had been dropped, saying, 'our government remains committed to the peace plan in all its aspects. We are strongly committed to the election plan.'"

Abu Sharif told reporters that Shamir's new position was relayed to the organisation by a senior Likud bloc member in a meeting with a high-ranking PLO official.

He said the meeting was held recently in London between the PLO and the Likud official, but refused to name them or give further details about how or why it was arranged.

The Likud official told the PLO aide that the Shamir government had fundamentally shifted its views on the election plan and now favoured talks with neighbouring Arab countries to solve the Arab-Israeli problem, Abu Sharif said.

"Shamir's new views have blown up his previous plan and he is now in favour of negotiating the issue with an Arab delegation in the context of an international conference," Abu Sharif quoted the Likud

official as saying.

It was the first time a Palestinian official reported a meeting with a senior Likud member. Israelis are banned by law from meeting PLO officials.

Pavner denied there had been any contact, calling the PLO statement the "wishful thinking of Mr Abu Sharif."

Abu Sharif said he believed that Shamir's new views have been relayed to US President George Bush in a letter sent after Shamir formed his hardline government last month.

The letter has been in the centre of diplomatic contacts between the United States and Israel, but its contents have never been revealed.

Arafat warned yesterday that Israel is trying to convene a Middle East peace conference excluding the PLO.

He said Shamir proposed to Bush a peace conference to be attended by Israel and neighbouring Arab states without the PLO.

"There will be no peace, no stability and no security in the region if they (the Israelis) continue their attempts to go around the PLO," Arafat told a Baghdad news conference.

Pavner said the letter to Bush backed the elections.

"It is obvious that Basam Abu Sharif did not read Prime Minister Shamir's letter, because in it Shamir reiterated his commitment to the peace plan and to the election plan," the spokesman said.

Iran calls for hostage release

NICOSIA, July 29. (Reuters): Iran, welcoming the release of a pro-Iranian Lebanese gunman from a French jail, called again on today for all Western hostages in Lebanon to be freed.

Deputy foreign minister Mahmoud Vaezi told the French ambassador in Tehran that the release of convicted killer Anis Naccache "has had a positive impact on Lebanese Muslim groups," the Iranian news agency Irna said.

Naccache, self-styled European spokesman for the Lebanese Hezbollah (Party of God), was freed on Friday after serving 10 years of a life sentence.

He killed a policeman and a bystander in a botched attempt in 1980 on the life of Shapur Bakhtiar, the last prime minister of Iran's late Shah.

The pro-Iranian Hezbollah is believed to be holding most of the 15 Western hostages in Lebanon.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that all hostages from all nationalities including those from Iran must be released as soon as possible merely on humanitarian grounds," Irna quoted Vaezi as telling ambassador Christian Graffe.

He added that "all those who can help in this regard should not hesitate in doing so," Irna reported.

Naccache and four accomplices, all pardoned by President Francois Mitterrand, were immediately flown to Tehran.

Iran played a key role in the release in April of two American hostages, hopes raised by an Irna report earlier this month that a West European would soon be freed have not been fulfilled.

Tehran says it wields moral influence, but not direct control, over kidnappers. Vaezi said he hoped the French pardon "will speed up humanitarian efforts of the Islamic Republic."

Six Americans, three Britons, two West Germans, two Swiss nationals, an Italian and an Irishman are missing and believed held hostage in Lebanon. The last of the French hostages was freed in 1988.

Iran has asked Western countries to trace three Iranian who went missing in Beirut in 1982 in return for its intercession on behalf of Western hostages.

Arafat

Hezbollah has been brought to a peaceful culmination after a fruitful dialogue.

He said the Palestinian delegation participating in the Islamic foreign ministers meeting in Cairo will table the Jewish immigration issue to Palestine and the ongoing uprising.

"Muslims should not be totally immersed with other problems such as Afghanistan and should give priority to the Palestinian issue," Arafat said.

Before departing Kuwait Arafat told reporters at the airport that "we expect good results from the meeting which will take place in Jeddah in the next few days."

Arafat said he discussed several issues including problems currently facing the Arab nation and ways of bolstering inter-Arab relations.

Expressing optimism, he said that he is "hopeful for what I found of co-operation during the

Iran Council vetoes death penalty bill

TEHRAN, July 29. (Reuters): Iran's Guardian Council, which oversees parliament, vetoed a bill setting a mandatory death penalty for major economic crimes with subversive intent.

The council threw out the bill because it did not define a "major" offence nor say how opposition to the government would be proved, Nameh Iran newspaper said yesterday.

Parliament had passed the bill 10 days ago after radical Islamic fundamentalist officials called for the hanging of "economic terrorists".

The bill covered embezzlement, overcharging, hoarding, bribery and smuggling of foreign currency, antiques and other valuables.

It set jail terms of up to 20 years for non-subversive violators and authorised judges to impose up to 70 lashes.

The council, consisting of six theologians and six lawyers, aims to ensure that laws do not contradict Islam or Iran's constitution.

Premier to head Kuwaiti delegation

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delegations, he added.

The official said the government of Saudi Arabia led by King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz renew its welcoming of the meeting of the brothers on its lands.

He added that Saudi Arabia hopes that a friendly spirit would dominate the proposed brotherly meeting for the interest of both countries.

At the outset of today's cabinet session, the Crown Prince and Premier gave an account of latest developments in the crisis between Kuwait and Iraq, including outcome of contacts undertaken by HH the Amir with Arab leaders to contain the crisis and resolve the dispute.

Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi told newsmen following the meeting.

These, he said, including today's meeting with Palestine President Yasser Arafat, the recent visit to Kuwait by each of Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, Egypt's presidential envoy Dr Usamah Al Buz and Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi which all come within the active Arab efforts to contain the crisis and find ways to resolve it in a manner serving both countries' interests.

The government hoped for a just and final settlement of the dispute that will ensure national sovereignty and legitimate rights of both countries on the basis of good neighbourliness and according to Arab and international norms and conventions.

It also wished that the settlement would clear the atmosphere of fraternal ties between the two countries, avert the Arab nation additional disintegration and dissension, contribute to the region's security and stability away from outside interference and would bolster Arab unity and solidarity in the face of real challenges threatening Arab national security.

Saudi Arabia will determine the time and venue of a planned meeting between delegations from Kuwait and Iraq in her capacity as 'host country,' Dr Awadi said.

He said that Kuwait is still awaiting determination of the date and place of the meeting, adding leader of the Kuwaiti side will name members of the delegation accompanying him.

Dr Awadi renewed Kuwait's sincere wish and hope that the Kuwait-Iraq meeting will reach a settlement "of this transient crisis, which, we hope, is a passing summer cloud in relations between the two countries," he said.

Asked on the meeting's agenda, the official replied that it is known, renewing Kuwait's keenness on resolving the difference with Iraq "within a purely Arab framework."

Awadi made the assertion in reply to questions whether the Kuwait-Iraq dispute would be raised at the Islamic foreign ministers' conference, scheduled to convene in Cairo coming Tuesday.

King Hussein of Jordan arrived in Baghdad today for a visit to Iraq the duration of which was not disclosed.

An announcement in Amman said that King Hussein would mediate between Iraq and Kuwait over recent border and oil differences and that he would be proceeding to Kuwait from Baghdad.

The king, accompanied by his political adviser Adnan Abo Oudeh, was received on arrival by President Saddam Hussein.

Between brothers in Kuwait and Iraq... and exert effort along with other Arabs to end the differences.

Arafat was asked if the American-Palestinian dialogue will be resumed soon and if it will be held according to the American conditions, the Palestinian leader said that he has already openly announced the PLO's stance regarding this issue during the Arab foreign ministers recent meeting in Tunis.

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EVENTS

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

Mohammad Hoshdar Khan

Succulent breakthrough

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

MANGOES and Islam have one thing in common: Indian Mohammad Hoshdar Khan, who has built a vegetable empire from scratch — based on his belief in the tenets of Islam.

Loaded with tons of faith, with no bank balance, he laid the foundation of his vegetable import business some 11 years ago.

It all started with animal feed when the trained veterinarian from Hyderabad lit upon the idea of importing animal feed while tending chicken on the Nayef Poultry and Dairy Farm in mid-1970s.

By 1979, he gave up his job and became a full-fledged importer of fresh fruit and vegetable. Today, he is considered among the handful of big importers of perishable goods and is getting ready to go into publishing — in India, of course.

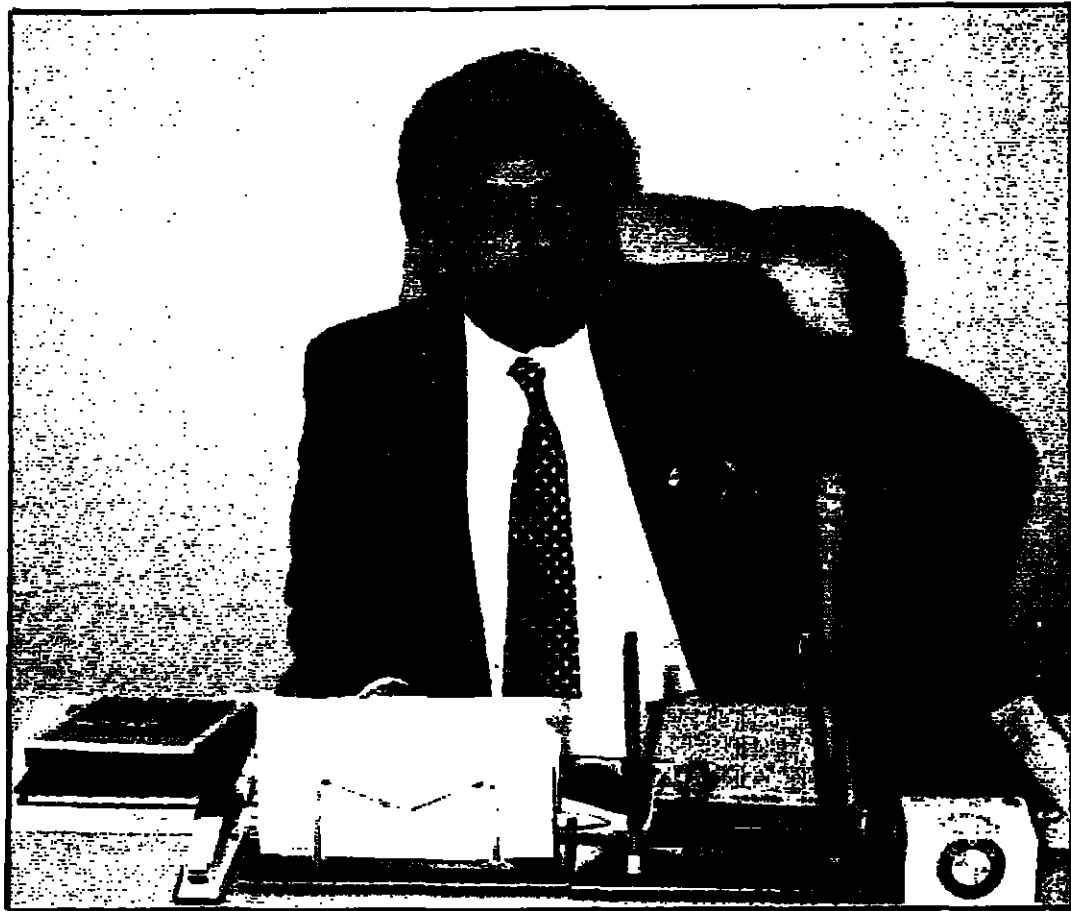
Why vegetable and fruit? "Simply because I don't like to wait for returns," said the soft-spoken bearded Khan, reclining on the chair in his plush office in downtown Kuwait City.

"I buy and sell and close the books. At the end of the day I know where I stand," he said.

He stands on the threshold of success — on a consignment of mangoes, so to say. Mangoes are his favourite import, and he never tires of telling us how the luscious fruit tickles his palate. "Alphonso is grabbed up; badami devoured and neelam commercially viable," he says of Indian mangoes.

The mango season is now at its tail end in India. So, the fruit comes from Pakistan — siaduri, dusehri, gulab khas and a host of other varieties. It is said that there are over 125 mango varieties. Kuwait gets only a dozen or so.

Indian mangoes are in the market until June. The fruit



Mohammad Hoshdar Khan: self-made

comes from Pakistan from July. And from August to February, he imports Kenyan and Australian mangoes.

"I want to make mangoes available throughout the year," he said. And to do that, he charts flights to import mango consignments. This year, he brought 45 plane-loads of mangoes from India.

"It was a bad mango season; there was only a 20 per cent of the normal crop in India," he moans. Last year, he had chartered 114 flights.

But if the mangoes are flown-in, you pay more. If they come on

boats to Dubai and by land to Kuwait, you pay less. But the quality suffers, says Khan. Air-freighted cargo is relatively fresher.

He insists on "fresh" produce. For example, seedless European grapes are preserved by what is known as "grape guard," he claims. Indian seedless grapes come "fresh."

"If the stalks of the grape bunch turn brown, you know they are preserved products," he explains.

Most fruit is ripened before export, except banana which is imported green.

He buys perishables for Kuwait from India, Pakistan, Kenya, Cyprus, Dubai, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Australia.

Quick-sell is his business catchword. So, Indian news papers, magazines and periodicals are also on his list of imports. He imports nearly 181 newspapers and magazines from India.

He is now on to another fast-selling product: ready-made garments, which he plans to buy for re-export to European markets.

And he achieved all this in a span of little over 10 years.

"If there is a will, there is a way;

if there is a will, and circumstances permitting, one can go places and do things," he says knowingly.

Deeply religious, he believes that his faith in God has made him go places.

"Some faith, and trust in God, is also required," he said. He does not give or take interest on investments. "I have found a way of skirting interest," he chuckles without giving out the secret.

And an Islamist that he is, he spends a large chunk of his money on educating the children of less fortunate people. His charitable activities are for his eyes only but it is said that he has founded an educational trust for poor students in India.

"If a person is a true Muslim, he learns to live in peace with himself, and his neighbours," he says. And quickly adds: "It's a question of adaptability."

The sensitive Khan is visibly shattered by what he sees around him. "Changing values, prejudice, materialism and making a profit from human misery are some of the things he can't stand. So, he finds solace in prayer.

"If you have strong faith, no matter what the difficulty you may be facing, everything turns out for the best," he says philosophically.

The businessman with a philosophic learning, is married with two children and was recently in the news when he sponsored the Hyderabad Decan 100th anniversary celebrations.

At 40, Khan has achieved all, and more than he had hoped for. The man who takes each day in his stride puts behind past successes, humbly admits he "lacks extraordinary talents."

He only prays for good health.

"If I am healthy, and can do a good day's job, I am happy." And if he can do a good day's job, and earns a handsome profit, he shares his fortune with some lesser fortunate person to see a smile on his face.



Winners of volleyball tournament

● Austrian Ambassador Dr. H. Demel is pictured distributing the prize to the captain of the winning team for the volleyball tournament held at the Kuwait International Hotel.

BBC highlights

Vincent

A pilgrim's progress

DURING his brief and unhappy life, Vincent van Gogh sold one solitary canvas. A century after his death he has become the most expensive artist in the world, with his painting of *Irises* recently sold at auction for US\$53.9 million.

Van Gogh committed suicide in 1890 after a history of mental illness, unknown and unadmitted. Rejected by all his family except his younger brother Theo, who never doubted his gifts, he was unhappy in love, unable to sell a work, quarrelsome, alcoholic and more mad than sane. He has all the attributes popularly associated with the word "genius."

The truth is more complex. As a painter Van Gogh was less a radical than an artist who took enormous pride in belonging to a particular northern European painting tradition that venerated nature and transformed it into painted landscapes. What is revolutionary is his use of colour — his blues and reds and the beloved yellow of his later work. It invests those landscapes with his own moods and feelings.

The artist's life also deserves closer scrutiny. What exactly was his mental illness, why did he what he did? What was his vocation for that of an artist, what did the painter find in southern France that had eluded him in northern Europe?

Christopher Cook follows in the footsteps of Van Gogh from his native Holland to England, Belgium, Paris and then Provence.

Monday, July 30 at 18:15.

Japan 5, Wales nil

Welsh writer Alan Richards left his native country to spend a year in Japan. In this new series he reflects on the twelve months spent in the Far East beginning with his meeting with Mrs Fardew-Ington, a large woman with a loud voice and a fund of useful tips for British visitors who offers Alan Richards advice when he has trouble with a tooth.

Wednesday, August 1, at 15:15 and Thursday, August 2, at 09:30.



Van Gogh

To Right a Wrong

By virtue of knowledge and experience, the expert in almost any field gains regard and respect. And as non-professionals surrender their ability to decide, the professional acquires even more prestige and power. In some areas, medicine or the church for example, an aura of near-infallibility has been cultivated.

But the professional is as prone to errors, negligence and incompetence as anyone else and often less willing to concede those errors. In Britain, when things do go wrong, who can the victim ask for help? What avenues of redress are open when the professionals close ranks?

Friday, August 3 at 10:30

Off the Shelf: A House for Mr Biswas

Set in Trinidad, V.S. Naipaul's book is the story of life among the Indian community. Mr Biswas began life in an inauspicious way. Growing up in one room in a mud hut, his ambition is to live in a house of his own. Read by Garard Green 'A House for Mr Biswas' can be heard each day, Monday to Friday, over the next three weeks.

Monday, July 30, at 07:30.

Recommended frequencies are: 17.64MHz/17.01m; 14.07MHz/19.91m; 11.76MHz/25.51m.

Urdu mushaira

Poetic moments

URDU poet Tahir Kaifi hosted an Urdu mushaira last week. A large number of poets attended the mushaira, which was the second held by the group of poets to keep alive the tradition of Urdu poetry in Kuwait.

Kaifi opened the mushaira with a recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by aat (religious song) by Ghazi Fatehpuri.

I.A. Kaleem Akberbadi, who had kept away from mushairas for a long time, presided. Amber Fatehpuri compered the show.

Some of the poets who took part in the mushaira are: Ms Hosh, I.A. Kaleem, Baikas, Rasheed Mewati, Najm Akashi, J.S. Dhimani, J.S. Arora, B.S. Dogra, G.S. Dogra, Ghazi Fatehpuri, Ayub Karjiker, Khalish

Hyderabad, Fayaz Wardak, Badre-Muneer, Amber Fatehpuri and Tahir Kaifi. They delighted the audience with their rendition of ghazals and nazms (poems).

Ifikhar Azmi, Naseem Akberbadi, Naseem Iqbal Rabi, Ravana, Adil Bahadurgarhi, Hameed, Shah Jehan Jafri and Hishab Amrohi did not get a chance to read their poems.

The next mushaira, entitled "Tarah" will be held in Kaifi's home on August 30 at 10 pm promptly. Literary personalities are asked to adhere to timings. Salaams (tributes) may be read in this gathering; poets can also read "hands or naats." The group extends an open invitation to Urdu poets to attend the gathering.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Tahit Al Sifir (Arabic)
Starring: Najla Fathi and Salah El Saadani
Al Salmiya
Jazeera Al Shitaa (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam

Al Hamra
Halawat Al Rouh (Arabic)
Starring: Kamal Al Shinawi, Safia Al Imari
Drive-In
Jazeera Al Shitaa (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam

Al Firdous
Sikka (Hindi)
Starring: Dimple Kapadia
Fahad Open-air
Taqqeer Ka Tamasha (Hindi)

Al Fahad
Ghost Busters
Al Jabra
Last Flight To Hell
Granada
Hall booked
Salaahikhat
Future Force
Al Jleeb
Agun Pani (Bengali)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Cobra Against Ninja

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.38 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.30 pm
Maghreb	6.42
Isha	8.08



Adel Imam stars in Jazeera: Al Shitaa.

WHAT'S ON

Approb 'Who's Who' directory
THE Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (Approb) is planning to publish a "Who's Who" directory of prominent Pakistani professionals and businessmen resident in Kuwait by January 1991. The directory aims at providing information about all Pakistani professionals and distinguished in their professions and businesses.

Data forms are available free of cost from Approb executive board members and other locations. For further details contact Approb on Tel. No. 2425315, Fax 5323751, P.O. Box 2351, Salmiya, 22024 Salmiya, Kuwait.

A copy of the directory will be given free of charge to all individuals whose names will appear in the directory.

Summerbelle '90
Aug 2: United Goans Centre will hold Summerbelle '90 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. Top Ranks and Hurricane Alley in attendance. For reservations call Tony, 2612024; Cyril, 2523920; Joe, 5655140.

L.I.L.
July 30: 10 am to 12 noon. L.I.L. will hold a newcomers' coffee morning on Monday at the Sheraton Hotel, Mezzanine floor. Ladies new to L.I.L. or Kuwait are welcome. For details contact Janet 2434941.

Summer Bazaar

Aug. 3: The Ladies Friendship Association's Big Summer Bazaar will be held in the Exhibition Hall at Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel from 9 am to 9 pm. Gift items, home products, handicrafts, toys, clothes and much more. Raffle with attractive prizes. Surprise for children. All are welcome. For details call Manal 574-9179.

Filipino expats survey
The office of the welfare officer of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration is launching an initial information campaign to conduct a survey of Filipino workers in Kuwait.

This will cover statistical data on the number of Filipino workers employed, in the private companies and government institutions. It will also include such information as job classifications, tenure of contracts, duration of residence and other information about the workers.

The Filipino Workers Social Centre (FWSC) at the Philippine Embassy is also inviting volunteers for its various social and welfare projects designed to minimise the mounting problems of overseas contract workers — thereby ensuring the general welfare of Filipinos.

The official survey form can be obtained from welfare officer, Alejandro Samia Santos at the following Tel. Nos. 5329315, 5329316, 5329317, 5329318 & 5329319.

Theatre

Isang Rock Opera: *Kailangang Kangitangin ka namin muna* (Attention Filipino ladies): The female lead role in the musical drama Maria Makiling-Isang Rock Opera. Aspirants must have a pleasing personality and must have a talent for singing, dancing and acting. For details contact Mahubay Restaurant from 6 pm to 9 pm and ask for Rod Manalo, Lito Matig-a, Maria or Florence. Tel: 2436121.

Holidays

At Holiday Inn Crown Plaza

Coffee Shop: open for early morning breakfast; also serves lunch and dinner.

Lobby Cafe: offers refreshments and snacks.

Babylon Gardens: features fresh fruit juices and refreshments.

At the Plaza:

Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open buffet plus menu.

Colouwah Corner: snacks and refreshing summer drinks.

Marco Polo: Italian ambience and cuisine, particularly pasta.

At the Mesallah Beach

Al Mubarakiah: open around the clock; seafood promotion on Wednesdays, 7 pm; Fridays — Middle Eastern cuisine. Al Jawharah: Thursday special — special menu; music

by Rainbow Band.

Al Berdown: BBQ on Thursday in beach-garden restaurant; Lebanese food.

At the Sheraton:

Hunt Room: Daily buffet lunch in addition to a la carte; plus grilled specialties; a la carte dinner plus some specialties from Le Tarbouche; Duo Fantasy in attendance.

Riccardo Restaurant: will be open for dinner 8 pm to 11 pm with live entertainment by Regina and Frances.

Coffee Shop: breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to 10:00 am.

Al Salem Hotel:

Al Bender Coffee Shop: international cuisine, breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet and a la carte (6 am to midnight).

Al Mawardi Garden Cafe:

Snacks, pastries and beverages (6 pm to midnight).

Al Gondoul Grill Garden: All grills specialties, a la carte, (6 pm to midnight).

Al Mersa: On board, international a la carte cuisine lunch and dinner, closed on Fridays.

Friday Brunch: Ship discovery tour, entertainment for children and cartoon characters to amuse.

At the SAS
Bistretto: Sunday/Wednesday — pasta night; Italian music. Peacock Room: Chinese cuisine; lunch and dinner.

Al Boom: Kuwaiti experience:

charcoal grilled food, plus mezzeh buffet.

Clock: snack bar — burgers, french fries, etc.

At the Meridian
Al Fingon: offers a wide range of refreshments; open from 9 am to 11 pm.

Al Wahla: features ice creams, several flavours; open Saturday through Thursday, 8 am to 9 pm.

At the international
Fallska: Chef's Special, in addition to menu at the Fallska Restaurant. Closed on Fridays.

La Patisserie: Austria's favourite — a variety of strudel is now presented at La Patisserie.

La Palma: Enjoy a sumptuous buffet as well as a la carte. Family style brunch on Fridays.

Education

British Council
The British Council is giving out information on how to get British qualifications through correspondence. Details about the names of colleges, dates and fees can be obtained from the Education Office, open from 9 am to 12.30 noon and 5 to 8 pm.

Music

Pakistan Embassy
July 31/Aug 1: The Pakistan Embassy will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday on the occasion of Ashura. Normal working resumes on Aug 2.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Indian-born Sikh giving away riches to help poorest of poor

'Just making money is obscene' says Sanders, self-unmade millionaire

NEW DELHI, July 29. (AP): As a teen-ager, he killed snakes and chased away monkeys in the ruins of a 400-year-old Indian fort because that was his home 42 years ago.

Today, at 55, Stephen Sanders owns 3,000 luxurious bedrooms in Vancouver, Canada, where his real estate empire is worth at least \$110 million.

Sanders would have been another rags to riches story but for the fact that he is a self-unmade millionaire.

Last December, Sanders gave away 23 luxury apartment buildings to a charitable foundation to help the poorest of the poor in South Asia, Africa and Latin America. The donation included a 39-suite block on Beach Avenue surrounded by scenic English bay

and Stanley Park.

"I now realise that just making money is obscene," said Sanders, an Indian-born Sikh who changed his name from Sukhwant Singh Sandhu after migrating to Canada because he wanted to fit in.

Now, with a dream that no one suffers like he did as a boy, the philanthropist wants to help the poor of 12 Third World countries on three continents.

"To be with the poor again is like homecoming for me," Sanders said in an interview at a luxury hotel in New Delhi.

Sanders, who once herded tick-infested animals for a living in India, is to meet Prime Minister V.P. Singh Monday to tell him about his Consciousness International

Foundation, a charitable institution.

"I know what it is to be poor, to be hungry," said Sanders, sitting in the opulent foyer of the Taj Mahal hotel, three kilometres (two miles) from the 16th century old fort, which was once his home.

Sanders and his parents took shelter in the fort after they arrived in New Delhi in 1947. The family had fled their home in Punjab state after India was partitioned into Pakistan, leaving their village in the new Islamic country.

Six of the 12 members of their family were killed in the sectarian violence that followed Pakistan's creation.

In 1949 his father, Tara Singh, got a job in the Indian border security force and was

posted to Patti near the Sikh holy city of Amritsar.

Sanders did not stay there long. He returned to New Delhi to join the army, but he was rejected because he wore glasses.

"My dream of becoming a soldier was shattered, I was devastated, but never lost my dignity," he said.

He took up a job as an office boy, working all day and studying by night.

He also started saving money. He borrowed money from his friends and sailed from the southern Indian port of Cochin to Sicily, Italy.

"I would stand out among hundreds because of my long hair and turban so I went to a barber and cut my hair," he said.

After some time he travelled to England. That led him to Canada, where he became a physical education instructor at a school. Meanwhile, he continued his studies and obtained a master's degree from Springfield College, Massachusetts.

He also changed his name. Sanders said he was doing well in school and managed to save some money and buy a house. That changed his life.

"I bought a house for \$4,000 and after six months someone offered me 10,000 for it. I was surprised. Then I thought why can't I be rich like others."

Buying property became his passion. His money kept multiplying, and by 1975 he became a millionaire.

By 1980 his assets were worth \$10 million. Five years later he was worth \$100 million. "But I realised it was insane to make money and money," he said.

He married Nancy Burns, a Toronto native and former aerobics instructor, in 1985.

"I started reading lots of scriptures and gave a lot of time thinking," he said. Then just before last Christmas, Sanders underwent a spiritual conversion and announced the formation of the Consciousness International Foundation.

Why is he doing all this? "There's a saying about what good would it do if you were to acquire the world and lose your soul," he said, quoting the Bible.

Egypt to raise oil price

Mexico backs Opec price accord

CAIRO, July 29. (Agencies): Egypt welcomes Opec's agreement to raise oil prices to \$21 a barrel and will increase its own oil export prices as of August 1. Oil Minister Abdel Hadi Kandil was quoted as saying.

Kandil did not tell Al Ahram newspaper how much Egypt's oil export prices would be increased.

Egypt is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. It sets its own prices in light of market conditions and the Opec's performance.

"Egypt welcomes Opec's agreement to raise the official price of oil from \$18 to \$21 a barrel," Kandil told the newspaper. "Egypt will announce the new increase in its oil export prices next Wednesday in light of the Opec meeting and the increase in oil prices in the world market."

Egypt's oil prices for the second half of July are \$14 a barrel for the Gulf of Suez blend; \$14.30 a barrel for Khafif El Zeit and Ras El Bihir; \$13.15 a barrel for Belayim; \$12 a barrel for Ras Badran and \$11.70 a barrel for Ras Gharib.

Opec

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earnings of oil states and eventually contribute to promotion of economic living standards of oil-producing countries.

The official, however, noted that several factors usually determine crude prices, including the market factors, adding "the process of jacking up prices is only made after recommendation by experts to the effect."

Minister of Oil Dr. Rashed Al Ameri returned home today after participating in the mid-year conference of the 13 Opec oil ministers in Geneva.

The conference concluded deliberations in Geneva last Friday reaching an agreement to fix the minimum reference price of Opec oil at \$21 a barrel up from the previous \$18.

The minister told Kuna upon arrival that the conference was a success and that the outcome was satisfactory for all sides, noting that most of the producing Opec members have described it as a "historical conference."

Despite the differences in the points of view and the difficult circumstances, the group reached an agreement, he added, noting "it is a positive step" that all 13 members had endorsed it.

In response to a question, Al Ameri said the agreement also was "greatly welcomed by non-Opec members in regard of prices and production ceiling, adding side meetings remarkably contributed to the success of the conference."

The minister said "Kuwait's oil policy, which emanates from guidance of HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premier, cabinet and supreme petroleum

council, is always balanced and considerate as regards other oil producing countries."

In response to a question, Al Ameri said the new price is a "central solution and reasonable," adding that there was seriousness in commitment to production quotas and there was a new spirit and sincere promises "which I believe would raise prices to the aspired level."

The Geneva Opec conference did not touch on the distribution of quotas, though the Algerian meeting which was held before the Geneva ministerial meeting was aimed at discussing the issue of Kuwait's quota; the minister said, noting "however, Kuwait, as I stated before, is ready to change its priorities in accordance with the prevailing market conditions."

"Kuwait, in fact, adjusted its priorities because the market conditions came first and the issue to raise the quota was postponed to the next meeting," Al Ameri said, expressing belief that the agreement had restored the credibility of the organisation and its strong role in the oil market.

He denied that the new price would affect prices of by-products such as car fuel in some countries "because most of the prices of the oil derivatives are subject to taxes imposed by their governments," and the oil prices had little effect in this regard.

The Kuwaiti minister said the agreement came "in favour of all" and prices will be amended, according to articles of the agreement, in the December meeting which he anticipated would convene in Morocco.

Caracas polishes image as moderate

GENEVA, July 29. (Reuters): Venezuela may have enhanced its reputation as an oil-price moderate by leading a rearguard action against more hawkish members of the Organisation for Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), analysts said.

Opec agreed on Friday to set a production ceiling for all 13 members of just under 22.5 million barrels and to hike the "reference price" by \$3, to \$21 a barrel.

Iran, which favoured a rise to \$25, ran into strong resistance from Venezuela.

Venezuela, which is able to contemplate the ruthless power-broking of the Middle Eastern producer from a safe distance, is anxious that Opec should not regain its old image as an irresponsible and greedy group, analysts said.

As domestic oil production winds down in the United States, Venezuela's main export market, it sees itself as an ideal candidate to plug the gap and is keen to project an image of moderation.

"Venezuela, as a leading supplier to the United States, is oriented towards not upsetting the balance," said Michael Rothman, a New York-based analyst at Merrill Lynch.

This view is also shared by Ecuador, Venezuela's only Latin American partner in Opec, which sounded a note of warning before an opening plenary session of Opec ministers on Thursday.

The oil group must avoid the errors of the 1980s when soaring prices provoked a sharp drop in consumption and eventually led to a crash in the oil market, said Ecuadorian Oil Minister Diego Tamariz.

Although Venezuela was unable to convince its Opec partners to resist Iraqi pressure and hold the minimum reference price at \$20, the South Americans have made their point, analysts said.

"There is no doubt the Venezuelans were leading a rearguard action to keep the price at \$20, but it is not so terrible for them that the attempt failed," one analyst said.

Market commentators forecast that it will take many months for the price to climb to \$21 dollars, by which time a decline in consumption in Europe and the United States will have started as the winter draws to an end.

Venezuela's Energy Minister Celestino Armas expressed delight with the agreement: "It's been a great success."

The Oil Ministry's pricing committee reviews the export oil prices every two weeks.

The Mexico, expressed its approval of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' agreement to raise world oil prices, the official newspaper El Nacional reported.

The energy, mines and parastate industries department "receives the information with satisfaction," it said in a news release.

But the government agrees with the organisation's decision because it "supports the establishment of a reasonable price index permitting the consolidation and healthy development of the petroleum market, fair payment to producing countries and sustained world economic growth," the energy department said.

Japanese oil industry sources said yesterday that the new oil price of \$21 a barrel which was decided upon by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) will be accepted in the oil market.

Japan

The Japanese Petroleum Association said the new Opec production and price accord that set a new output ceiling of 22.491 million barrels a day will be tolerated.

The managing director of Idemitsu Oil Company, Akira Idemitsu, said that if Opec countries stick to their national quotas long enough, the price of crude oil will gradually rise to reach the new target price.

At the same time official sources in the natural resources and energy agency said they believed the Opec countries appear likely to honour the new agreement which will mean oil prices could climb up from the present level of \$17 per barrel to Opec's target of \$21.

Nigeria

Nigeria is making oil exploration and expansion of crude production a priority. Oil Minister Idris Aminu said.

"We have placed as our number one priority upstream activity," said Aminu, in Geneva for an Opec conference which ended on Friday.

He said two major operators, Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Ltd and Gulf Oil Company (Nigeria) Ltd recently made major oil finds as part of an intensified search for hydrocarbons.

Nigeria relies on crude oil sales for foreign exchange income but analysts say reserves are low and it cannot sustain output much above its Opec quota of 1.6 million barrels per day (bpd).

Aminu said Nigeria's output capacity was now two million bpd and it aimed to boost that with a \$7-billion expansion programme to 2.5 million bpd.

He defended Opec's raising its minimum crude oil benchmark price to \$21 from 18.

Ship channel closed

HOUSTON, Texas, July 29. (Reuters): A collision between two oil barges and a Liberian oil tanker has left a mile-long (2.5 km) slick in a Texas bay and closed the Houston Ship Channel indefinitely, the U.S. Coast Guard said on Sunday.

The tanker struck two oil barges being towed by tugboats in Galveston Bay on Saturday afternoon. The barges dumped 50,000 gallons (189,000 litres) of heavy industrial oil.

One barge is almost completely submerged, and is blocking the channel, the Coast Guard said. The channel has been closed indefinitely because of the sunken barge and for cleanup efforts, the Coast Guard said.

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Bill to ban ships to US

WASHINGTON, July 29. (AP): Ships built with subsidies from other governments could be barred from US ports under a bill introduced Wednesday by Sen. Barbara Mikulski, a member of the labour committee.

US trade representative Carla Hills is still negotiating with Japan, South Korea, West Germany and Norway to end the subsidies those governments give for building and repairing ships.

"In my home town of Baltimore we had two thriving shipyards 10 years ago," Mikulski said in a statement. Baltimore is 50 miles (80

kilometres) northeast of Washington.

"Five thousand people made good family wages building ships ... now one shipyard is closed and the other employs only 1,300 people."

Her bill would require shipbuilders in other countries to repay subsidies their governments gave them. Unless they did, the subsidised ships would have to pay a substantial duty to enter US ports, she said. Support for her bill could not be determined immediately.

Mikulski went on to say that since 1987 only one merchant ship has been built in this country.

Soviet oil exploration halts in Yemen, Western help sought

SANAA, July 29. (Reuters): Yemen's oil minister said in remarks published yesterday that Soviet oil exploration in part of the country had halted and that Western companies could fill the gap.

Saleh Abu Bakr Bin Hussainoun. Oil and Minerals Minister since North and South Yemen united in May, said a visit by Soviet Oil and Gas Industries Minister Leonid Filimonov this month failed to produce an accord.

"We had agreed to sign a protocol to settle the problems facing development (of the

Shabwah oilfield) by September 30 ... but the Soviet side apologised at the last minute," Al Thawra newspaper quoted Hussainoun as saying.

Shabwah is in what used to be Marxist-ruled South Yemen, where Soviet oil companies have long been active and Western ones virtually excluded.

Yemen's new government said in May it wanted Western companies to start exploring in the south, where most of the country's oil is thought to be.

Hussainoun said he could not agree to Soviet terms for completing work in Shabwah.

"That's why we would have to give licences to other foreign (including Western) companies to explore the area as long as there is no positive response from the Soviet side," he said.

An oil pipeline to carry 120,000 barrels per day (bpd) from Shabwah to Bir Al export terminal had not been completed because its Soviet builders had run out of money, Hussainoun added.

Gorbachev urges republics not to print own currency

MOSCOW, July 29. (Agencies): The Soviet economy tumbled sharply downhill from January through June as workers earned more roubles for producing less and paid higher prices for potatoes and other scarce necessities, according to statistics released today.

Gross National Product dropped 1 per cent and labour productivity fell 1.5 per cent compared with the first half of 1989. But the government printed 9 per cent more roubles and the average wage for industrial and service workers shot up from 236 roubles (\$407 at the official rate) to 257 roubles (\$443), said a first-half economic report

printed in official newspapers.

Less meat and fewer vegetables were available. The price of potatoes went up 10 per cent, fruit prices were up 14 per cent and vegetable prices increased 9 per cent. Overall, consumers spent 14.2 per cent more on basic goods and services.

The litany of economic gloom released by the Tass news agency and the government paper Izvestia should have provided few surprises to Soviet consumers who battle daily with finding food, clothing and other daily necessities.

Pacific rim trade bloc

Lee warns of racial groups

SINGAPORE, July 29. (UPI): Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew urged leaders of 12 nations today to turn a fledgling economic grouping into a powerhouse that can strengthen open trade and make "Europeans and Americans more aware of the dangers of racially biased blocs."

US Secretary of State James Baker was among the dignitaries to rush from the concluding meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) in Jakarta to participate in the second session of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) forum.

Baker, who spent the last three days attempting to justify Washington's decision to withdraw recognition of the Cambodian resistance coalition at the United Nations to sceptical Asian foreign ministers, had no critics at the Apec meeting. He has strongly endorsed Apec and said Pacific rim co-operation is an idea whose time has come.

Joining him at the Apec meeting were officials from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, Brunei, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea and Japan.

Delegates are expected to make concrete decisions on the critical issue of what institutional form Apec will take and whether China, Taiwan and Hong Kong will be allowed to join.

They will also support efforts to ensure a fair and open trading system, particularly the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations.

Japanese International Trade and Industry Minister Kabun Muto said the cost of funding Apec projects should be shared by all participants, but added that Japan would contribute "accordingly."

Given its high level of technological development, Muto said Japan was anxious to share its expertise and experience with the other participants.

Opening the two-day ministerial meeting, Lee cited the proliferation of blocs. He cited the single European market in 1992, the US free trade agreement with Canada last year and the impending US-Mexican agreement, which could widen to include Central and later South America.

He also mentioned British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's remark at the G-7 meeting in Houston earlier this month referring to the three great groups of nations based on the Deutsche mark, dollar and yen.

A defacto emergence of such blocs will mean a world fraught with conflicts," said Lee, the prime minister of Singapore for 31 years who is planning on stepping down in November.

Noting the ominous possibility Asians will feel they have been excluded from the markets of prosperous Europeans and Americans, Lee said, "an economic division of the world on racial lines would add bitterness and animosity to the normal interests between states."

If Apec can strengthen the open trade and investment environment which spans the Pacific, and make the Europeans and Americans more aware of the dangers of racially biased blocs, it will do world peace a service," Lee said.

Apec, the result of an initiative by Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke for greater economic co-operation among countries of the fast-growing Asia-Pacific region, has been enthusiastically endorsed by the United States, Japan and the other Western partners.

Indonesia and Malaysia, at first the most reluctant participants, shed their trepidations amid worries over the single European market, the proliferation of blocs, trends toward mounting protectionism and fears that the investment lures of the East European countries will result in diminished interest in Southeast Asia.

Both originally adopted cautious approaches, afraid their interests would be dwarfed in a group containing economic giants like the United States and Japan.

But it indicated that the government so far has been unable to make progress on correcting some of the economy's major problems.

"A definite increase in pay for labour in comparison to the output of production is continuing, which worsens the situation on the consumer market," according to the Tass report. "The output of money increased. The increase of prices for consumer goods and services continued. The buying power of the rouble dropped. The foreign trade balance remains negative."

This year's budget deficit is estimated at about 60 billion roubles (\$103 billion).

President Mikhail Gorbachev and Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov have pledged to start putting reforms in place next year that will free the economy from heavy state control. They have acknowledged that state-controlled prices will have to be raised.

But the plans have met with stiff resistance from more traditional-minded Communist Party and parliamentary officials, as well as consumers worried that their standard of living will fall even further.

At the same time the government has acknowledged that some of its plans were ill-conceived. Last month, Yuri D. Maslyukov, the head of economic planning, said the Supreme Soviet parliament had been wise to kick back a government plan to raise the price of bread beginning July 1.

The reports, citing figures from the State Statistics Commission, said that while there were no improvements in basic economic indicators, some decentralisation was taking place in the Soviet economy.

Meanwhile, Gorbachev urged today the impatient republics not to print their own money because that would damage efforts to reform the banking and credit system.

Gorbachev made the appeal in a directive setting in motion an analysis of the country's banking system to be conducted by officials from the republics and Moscow.

It was a milder form of action than Gorbachev has taken in similar directives aimed at the republics' drives for greater autonomy or outright independence from the Soviet Union.

In his appeal, which was transmitted by the Tass news agency, Gorbachev said he wanted the republics to understand the "negative social-economic consequences that could result from breaking the united monetary system of the country, releasing money of the republic that would have closed sphere of circulation."

"To correct the finances of the country the strength of all union republics and the carrying out of active, co-ordinated money and financial-budget policy is necessary," he said.

The Baltic republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia all are working on plans to print their own money as they press for complete independence from the Soviet Union. Earlier this month, the Ukrainian Republic also included plans for a separate currency in its declaration of sovereignty.

The Soviet foreign debt is 36 billion roubles (\$61 billion) in hard currency equivalent. Deputy Prime Minister Stepan Siyaryan said in a newspaper interview published today.

This compares with a figure of 34 billion roubles (\$58 billion) given by Ryzhkov to parliament in June last year.

Siaryan, head of the Foreign Economic Commission, told the weekly Argumenty i Fakty that Kuwait had granted Moscow a 300 million rouble (\$510 million) long-term credit, but gave no details.

Contribution grows

Japan assistance to ME

WASHINGTON, July 29. (Kuna): Japan's official development assistance to countries of the Middle East has grown by fifteen times in less than 20 years from \$1.34 billion in 1970 to about \$20.5 billion in 1989, according to a new study published here.

It also predicts that Japan's imports of Middle East oil, now about 70 per cent of total oil imports, will increase in the coming few years.

The study's author is Tomio Uchida, the deputy director general of the Bureau of Middle Eastern and African Affairs at Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His study, entitled "Japan and the Arab world: An economic perspective," is published here by the Washington-based Arab-American Affairs Council headed by George Naifeh.

The Japanese survey shows that the United States is still by far the largest donor to the region with the net disbursement of about \$2.6 billion, followed by West Germany with the amount of \$785 million, and Japan coming third with about \$526 million.

But Japan, now implementing its fourth plan covering the five-year period of 1988 and 1992, intends to double its aid disbursements compared to the preceding five-year-period of 1983 to 1987. The new target amount is calculated at around \$50 billion on a net disbursement basis. Uchida does not cross out the possibility that Japan will soon become the largest donor to the Middle East.

In his study, development assistance is defined as "lenient financial flows from wealthy countries to poorer countries" — a definition agreed upon by the development assistance committee of the OECD.

Uchida says Japan's increasing aid flow to the Middle East corresponds to about 10 per cent of total aid flow to developing countries. "This per-

centage is to be maintained in spite of the emergence of other regions of the world as prospective recipients of Japanese financial co-operation," the author says.

In a breakdown of the Japanese aid, the study shows that soft loans make up about 65 per cent of the total amount and the rest is divided into grant-project assistance (22 per cent) and various forms of technical co-operation (12 per cent).

Some of the largest recipients of Japan's financial assistance include: Egypt \$2.8 billion, Turkey \$907 million, Sudan \$468 million, Yemen \$464 million, Jordan \$463 million, and Iraq \$413 million.

But in addition to all this aid, Uchida points out in his study that Japan is increasing its financial contribution to the Middle East also through various United Nations organisations.

Thus, aid for the Palestinian refugees through UNDP is \$2 million, contributions to the multinational force and observers in Sinai is \$1.5 million, and aid for refugees from Afghanistan is \$125 million.

The Japanese study shows the total trade with the Middle East in 1988 was \$30.36 billion, of which Japanese export to this region amounts to \$10.01 billion and its import, mainly oil, is \$20.348 billion. This shows a trade deficit for Japan amounting to \$9.6 billion.

Japan's export to the Middle East had remained at a stable level of around \$18 billion before 1983. Thereafter gradual decline began, sinking to a low of less than \$10 billion in 1987.

Japan's imports from the Middle East had reached a high of \$45.2 billion in 1988.

Observers claim little awareness or interest in 24-hour concept

Plans for round-the-clock trading under way in America

NEW YORK, July 29, (CSM): Officials of the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange, and other major exchanges in the United States are putting together elaborate plans for 24-hour trading in stocks, options, and other investments.

But experts say full-scale 24-hour trading is still years away. And in the hinterland — where Americans live and work and sometimes buy and sell stocks and bonds — there is little awareness of or even interest in around-the-clock trading, observers say.

"We're hearing nothing about it (24-hour trading) here, other than what we read in the papers. No one is even asking us about it,"

says Joseph Borreyer, who handles investment accounts for the First National Bank of Springfield, in Illinois.

Nor is the apparent lack of interest in Springfield unusual. In downtown Seattle, a broker with Prudential-Bache Securities says, "There's little interest by investors here in the concept, and nothing has come down to us on it from our parent offices."

Still, the accelerated rush to 24-hour trading is taking place on at least four levels:

1. The NYSE has said that it will begin limited 24-hour trading later this year. The Big Board plans to have a complete around-the-clock system in place by the end of the

decade.

The Big Board is "being very crafty in the way it is setting up 24-hour trading," says Merton Miller, professor of finance with the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. The first step, Dr. Miller notes, is to provide for "crossing trades," in which the buyer and seller of a stock have already been matched. Such cross trades, he says, are already performed in London.

2. The American Stock Exchange, the Chicago Options Exchange, the Cincinnati Stock Exchange, and Reuters Holdings PLC plan to have night trading under way by 1992.

3. The National Association of Securities

Dealers, which maintains the Nasdaq listing system, plans to begin Nasdaq International, a global network, starting in early September. It will provide computer trading of up to 500 stocks during the pre-dawn hours, starting at around 3.30 am, New York time.

4. Finally, Reuters and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange hope to have the Globex system for international futures trading under way by this fall.

In fact, 24-hour trading is already here, market experts stress, in the sense that the European, US, and Asian exchanges operate in different time zones. Large institutional players know that if they can't trade a stock in

New York because that market has closed, they might do so on the Tokyo exchange.

And that is precisely why the US exchanges are so eager to enter into 24-hour trading, says Professor Miller. The rush to get into all-day and all-night trading, Miller notes, "is as much defensive," related to competing with overseas markets, as geared to expanding the use of new computer-based trading systems.

More than 150 major US stocks, for example, trade in London. Some 70 key US stock listings, between 10 and 15 billion shares of US stocks are traded overseas daily. US exchanges, such as the NYSE, are eager to

recapture that overseas business in US equities, as well as hold on to existing trading business, Miller says.

And if plans by European ventures for 24-hour trading take off, Miller adds, US exchanges want to be ready to compete.

Market experts note that, despite all the new planning, full-scale all-day and all-night trading by US exchanges is still three years or more away. But even if 24-hour trading were to become operational, it seems unlikely that it would have much impact on the individual investor in the US, says Thomas O'Hara, chairman of the National Association of Investors Corporation in Royal Oak, Mich.

Algeria, France to renew accord

PARIS, July 29, (Opecna): Algerian Minister of Economy Ghazi Hidouci this week concluded a three-day visit to France with a pledge of French financial aid to help his country overcome its present financial problems, it has been reported here.

The Opec member country is having difficulty servicing its total foreign debt of \$25 billion, mainly because of the fall in oil revenues.

This year, Algeria is due to pay \$5.9 billion of its debt, in addition to \$1.5 billion in interest payments. And in 1991, it will have to face repayments of 4.8 billion.

Following his talks with French Minister of Economy, Finance and Budget Pierre Bérégovoy, Hidouci indicated that Paris and Algiers had decided to renew the 1989 financial agreement for this year, which would extend Algeria's loans amounting to \$1.27 billion.

According to the Inter Press Service IPS news agency, both ministers also discussed the possibility of a consortium of French banks extending guaranteed credits of about 1.5 to \$2 billion to Algeria. The accord was likely to be signed in the next two months.

In an interview published in the Thursday edition of the French daily "Le Monde," Hidouci said his country was planning to negotiate in the market and with banks a "skimming of about half of our repayments over a period of two and half to three years from 1992 onwards."

Questioned about disputes with some leading French financial groups, he said there were just some repayment delays that would soon be settled.

He indicated that steps had been taken to transfer money to Air France and that everything would be settled with France's leading construction group, Bouygues, by the end of next month.

Algeria's debt to Air France is reported to be \$81.8 million, while the debt to Bouygues is estimated at \$180 million.

The French employer's body, the CNPF, said companies were ready to help the liberalisation of the Algerian economy after being forbidden to invest in the country for two decades.

Algerian officials said commercial and political disagreements had blocked the disbursement of some of the aid.

Algeria okays joint venture

ALGIERS, July 29, (Reuters): The Central Bank of Algeria has approved the first joint venture between a state company and foreign partners under a law passed in March.

The Algerian state oil company Sonatrach, Air Products and Chemicals Inc. of the United States and Air Liquide of France, signed the new company, Helios, into being yesterday. Bachir Achour, director of Sonatrach's liquefaction department, told Algiers Radio.

Next year Helios will start building facilities to produce 16 million cubic metres of helium and 33,000 tonnes of nitrogen a year alongside the petrochemical complex in the western coastal town of Arzew, he said.

Most of the helium will be exported to Europe for the space industry and for underwater use, while the nitrogen will be sold on the local and North African market.

Japan's economy grows

Set to break post World War II record

KARUIZAWA, Japan, July 29, (Reuters): Japan's strong economy is set to grow steadily for at least another year and break its post-World War II record for a continuous growth period, the head of the country's Economic Planning Agency said today.

"The current period of steady economic growth will probably continue for another year or so and become the longest growth period since the end of the war," EPA Director-General Hideyuki Aizawa told a seminar of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

The steady growth was supported by strong consumer spending and capital investment.



Cap Gemini tops industry

Computer services

PARIS, July 29, (Reuters): Most European firms servicing the computer industry are suffering even though they operate in one of the fastest growing sectors of information technology.

A significant exception is France's Cap Gemini Societé, which towers above its European rivals and is tipped by industry analysts to emerge alongside the US giants as one of the handful of major world players.

"Cap Gemini has an unbelievable track record of performance and management and that allows them to raise capital externally to finance their growth," said Steve Bachmann, director of the London office of financial advisers Broadview Associates.

Cap Gemini, based in an elegant Paris office near the Arc de Triomphe, has achieved an aggressive acquisition strategy giving it 22 subsidiaries in 12 European countries besides France.

It announced in mid-July that it had bought the West German subsidiary of SD-Scicon Plc of Britain for £39 million (\$68 million) — its first major acquisition of the year and the ticket to an important place in the expanding German market.

"I don't think the (European) market will gravitate to the point where there is only one dominant player, but I think it will boil down to four," Bachmann said.

He named Cap Gemini, International Business Machines Corp., Arthur Andersen's Andersen Consulting Division

and General Motors Corp's Electronic Data Systems as likely survivors.

Computer services is the software development and professional help contracted for by customers with large and complex computer installations.

Demand expanded by more than 20 per cent a year in Europe throughout the 1980s, compared with about nine per cent for the computer industry overall.

Nomura Research Institute of Japan expects growth rates of at least 19 per cent a year through 1994.

"The factors driving market growth during the 1980s will remain as powerful during the 1990s," it said in a recent report on the European services industry.

Computers have become so powerful and expensive that users must constantly seek ways to make their systems more efficient. They often turn to service vendors to develop the software that will deliver more productivity.

Cap Gemini is more than twice as big as any other European competitor, even leading IBM in Europe, although the world's largest computer company does top the services table worldwide.

The French company's revenues grew last year by 21.3 per cent to \$1.11 billion and profits increased by 7.4 per cent to \$82 million. Chairman Serge Kampf said recently the company expected revenues to rise to about \$1.5 billion in 1990.

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Government figures show Japan's economy expanded for the 44th consecutive month in June, breaking the second longest record for post-war growth. The record is 57 months in the 1960s.

The Japanese economy grew by 5.3 per cent in real terms in 1988, five per cent last year, and the EPA predicted it would grow by four per cent this year.

"But I think it will grow faster than four per cent this year," Aizawa said.

In a separate session of the seminar held in this mountain resort north of Tokyo, Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said it was the government's responsibility to uphold a strong yen.

Aizawa and Hashimoto said the country's biggest economic concern was prices.

The yen should be kept strong against other currencies as part of a policy to combat a surge in prices, Hashimoto said.

Lowest

Japan's inflation rate stood at 2.1 per cent last year, one of the lowest among advanced countries, and was forecast to fall to 1.8 per cent this year.

Japanese should realise that the yen had now become a truly international currency and the government should therefore make every effort to maintain its value, Hashimoto said.

"For the first time, the G-7 declaration did not mention the dollar but instead spoke only about the yen," Hashimoto said.

Discussions

Finance ministers and central-bank governors from the Group of Seven, Canada, the United States, France, Britain, West Germany, Italy and Japan, met in Washington in May to discuss international currency problems.

The yen, along with the European Currency Unit and the US dollar, has been designated an official currency for providing funds for the newly created European Development Bank, Hashimoto said.

Substantial

In addition to yen fluctuations, labour shortages and rising oil prices were other concerns affecting consumer and retail prices, which have a substantial influence on overall economic performance, Aizawa said.

Hashimoto said his targets in government finance were how to deal with pressure from the United States and other countries, assume more responsibility in the global economy and reduce the lopsided budget dependence on deficit-running government bonds.

Bonds

The Japanese government has issued as much as 164 trillion yen (\$1.4 trillion) in government bonds, Hashimoto said.

One goal in the next fiscal year's government budget, to take effect from April, 1991, was to reduce revenue dependence on bonds to five per cent of the total sum, Hashimoto said.



Eduard Shevardnadze

The time is right for the Soviet Union to join the International Monetary Fund, IMF, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said yesterday.

"Our country regards its membership of the IMF as a logical continuation of its policy of wider involvement in global economic co-operation," Shevardnadze told IMF managing director Michel Camdessus, according to Tass news agency.

Shevardnadze praised the leading agency for helping member countries overcome barriers to development and pay foreign debt. He said the absence of the Soviet Union "undermines the universal character of this organisation."



George Gaw is an older worker from southern California who was replaced three times in five years by younger workers.

Recession forces layoffs

Older workers face axe

BOSTON, July 29, (CSM): It is an anniversary George Washington Gaw would rather not remember: the Friday afternoon last June 9 when he was called into the personnel office and abruptly dismissed from his \$71,000 post as senior associate for an architectural firm.

"No reason was given," Gaw recalls, adding that three weeks later he received a letter from the president stating the firing was not Gaw's fault. "He said business was bad and he had to let me go. But they kept the younger guy who worked under me. They gave him a raise, and he took over a lot of my responsibilities for less than half the salary."

The experience marked the third time in five years that Gaw, now in his late 50s, had been replaced by a younger worker. In 1985, the Irvine Calif., international consultant design office where he worked as a vice-president appointed a new president — "a 41-year-old industrial designer who systematically went through the place and got rid of anyone who was 42 or over."

Then, Gaw says, on his next job at a college of design in southern California, "the college terminated the president. I was working under and put a 42-year-old as president." As a result, a position he had been promised as director of an international school in Europe went to an assistant director who was younger.

Although Gaw's case may be extreme, it illustrates a growing problem facing workers in their 50s and 60s: unemployment that appears to be the result of age discrimination.

The 1967 Federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act protects workers 40 and over from discrimination based on age. But last year, in Massachusetts alone, the state's Commission Against Discrimination received 600 complaints. And during the past 18 months the New England regional office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has received 806 charges of age discrimination, according to Charles Looney, director.

"The United States and South Africa are the only two Westernised nations where it is legal to fire somebody without just cause," says Ellen Messing, an attorney with Shlepley, Messing & Rudavsky in Boston.

As economic conditions force companies to restructure, employers often face difficult decisions about which employees to keep. For some workers in their 50s, offers of early retirement come as a welcome chance to leave the workplace or change jobs. For others, "golden handshakes" appear to

be a way to replace older, more highly paid employees with younger, less expensive ones.

Last year a Yankelovich poll of 400 companies identified two obstacles hindering those over 50: lingering questions about their ability to adapt to new technology, and the rising cost of health care.

Again and again during a four-hour public hearing on age discrimination in employment, held earlier this month in Boston's Faneuil Hall, unemployed workers like Gaw offered first-person accounts of being fired in mid-life. In voices struggling to contain anger and bitterness, they told of the shock and humiliation of suddenly being "out on the street" after years of work — 7 years often rewarded with merit raises and good performance reviews.

One 57-year-old father of nine, testifying anonymously, explained that after being recruited by a firm, he built a staff and made his department profitable. Then, six months ago, he says, "I was told I was being replaced by an individual 20 years younger who happens to be brother of the chairman of the board. He has no experience."

For Henry Bader, a 16-year employee of Polaroid, where he worked as a research fellow, the first sign of trouble came two weeks after a merit raise. On a performance review, he says, "I suddenly went from 'excellent' to 'unsatisfactory.' Then he was urged to accept a voluntary severance plan. 'At that moment my whole world collapsed. Nothing I had done in my life had any meaning. I was replaced by a younger man.'

Bader sued, and just before the case went to trial he received a settlement. Although he found another job, he has been working for the last two-and-a-half years "at one-tenth of my former salary."

Similarly, Kathleen Cole's firing in 1983 at the age of 54 occurred after 20 years with Harvard University. "I was known as the best payroll officer in the university," she says. "They said it was a reorganisation, but they put a younger girl in my position. Then they sent me a letter saying that since I had decided to retire early, my pension would be cut from \$1,100 a month to \$350."

Ms Cole sued the university in 1984. Her suit is now in appeals.

According to Frederick Golder, an attorney with Bernstein, Golder, Fields & Miller in Boston, only about one employee in 10 benefits from a lawsuit. "The only one who certainly benefits is the lawyer representing the company," he adds.

Ferruzzi seeks merger: The proposed merger between agricultural holding company Ferruzzi Agricola Finanziaria Spa and chemicals concern Montedison Spa will create an industrial colossus bent on cleaning up the chemicals business.

Ferruzzi President Raul Gardini, announcing the operation in Milan Friday, said the merged company would seek new markets for environmentally friendly products.

The merger has to be approved at shareholder meetings in November.

Gardini said the new Montedison would aim to satisfy the demand for products "compatible with the quality of life that both individuals and society desire." (UPI)

Workers advised to relax: Japan's Health Ministry has suggested that the nation's workers take more holidays.

"We suggest Japanese workers take more free time, completely away from their place of work, and relax," a ministry official said. "A vacation should be only for oneself, not for the company."

Severe working conditions, partly arising from an acute labour shortage, and resulting health problems made the ministry decide to issue the suggestion, he said. (Reuters)

released in Paris by the Labour Ministry.

The deterioration of the employment market in June was contested by Labour Minister Jean-Pierre Soisson who indicated that the switching over to a computer system "has disturbed statistics of the past months."

According to Soisson there is an error margin of about 20,000 people. (Kuna)

Below standard living: Japanese workers believe they live below standard despite the fact that their country is considered the most powerful economic power in the world, an official report said Friday.

The annual government report said that 84.8 per cent of the workers said that they do not enjoy leisure hours, face soaring prices and long working hours and their companies do not allow them to take summer vacations.

The Labour Ministry report pointed out that the Japanese worked an average of 2189 hours in 1988 which is 500 hours more than his American, British, French and West German counterpart. (Kuna)

S.A. plans crackdown: South Africa hopes to set up an elite investigative force early next year to crack down on a soaring "white collar" crime rate.

Law enforcement and monetary officials say legislation is being drawn up to create a special bureau within the police and judicial system to do the job.

"It is hoped that this proposed legislation will be approved by parliament early next year," Reserve (Central) Bank governor Chris Stals said in an interview. (Reuters)

Trump may go public: Real estate speculator Donald Trump, who a month ago avoided bankruptcy by persuading his bankers to lend him more money, is about to ask his casino bond holders for a similar favour.

According to a report in the newspaper "The Wall Street Journal" Thursday, Trump will propose to the holders of all or part of the \$1.3 billion debt to accept equity in the casinos in exchange for letting him cancel some interest payments.

If bond holders approve the proposal, they would receive stock in a Trump entity that would be traded, making it possible for the public to own a piece of Donald Trump. (Kuna)

Vienna bourse shines: Vienna's stock exchange, benefitting from its place on the doorstep of Eastern Europe, was the fastest-rising bourse in the world during the first half of the year, according to an exchange statement on Friday.

The Vienna Bourse Index rose 142.74 points to 654.25 by June 30, an increase of 28 per cent compared with a 6.4 per cent rise on Wall Street in the same period.

The index, which peaked at an all-time high of 739.21 points in mid-March, closed on Friday close to that level at 729.05. (Reuters)

Wipro, India's second-largest computer firm going world-wide

IT is no coincidence that India's second-largest computer company is also the most respected name in the Indian computer industry. Rather, it is the result of sheer quality combined with sound business practices that has earned Wipro the reputation for being a thorough professional, and highly sought-after in the employment market.

With an investment of Rs 8 crores for a sound R&D base, technological expertise must flow. With recognition like the government award for excellence in R&D, and with

proven performances, Wipro has participated in key space Research and Defence projects. And was instrumental in introducing the multiprocessing supermini, landmark 4860, based on Multibus II. With its fund of hardware expertise, Wipro's product range includes mini computers, Sun workstations, Epson printers, Tandem and Convex systems on an agency basis. Products that have one thing in common — providing 'total solution' to the end users.

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An element of surprise

By Christopher Andreae

GLASGOW (CSM): In 1928, when Pablo Picasso needed technical assistance making sculpture out of scrap iron, he turned to his friend Julio Gonzalez, a Parisian craftsman, metal worker, jeweller, and painter originally from Barcelona (where Picasso had also spent part of his youth).

Gonzalez was 52 at the time, and his collaboration with Picasso led him to make a liberating decision: that his real calling was to be a sculptor.

From then until his death in 1942, he produced a remarkable, inventive body of work — figures that seem to leap and twist from their base, changing from sinuous curve to angled plane, from boldness of scale to concern with minuscule detail, from linear "drawing in space" to sudden emphasis on weight or mass.

Gonzalez was accepted by the avant-garde of the 1930s — without ever subscribing to either the purely abstract, non-objective school of thought or to the Surrealist persuasion, though containing a personal response to both. He was exhibited, written about, and discussed.

And his work has also earned him a place in recent art history — as a forerunner of "direct metal sculpture," a form that has flourished in the post-war years in the hands of such artists as David Smith and Anthony Caro.

Sculptor Smith has paid tribute to Gonzalez by calling him the "first master of the torch," referring to Gonzalez' pioneering use of the acetylene torch in the making of sculpture. Smith also has noted that for Gonzalez "craft and smithery became subsumed in the concept of sculpture. The aesthetic end was not dependent upon its mode of travel."

Gonzalez' work is still capable of engaging the attention and enthusiasm of the public and even of today's younger sculptors, as demonstrated in "Julio Gonzalez: Sculpture and Drawings," an exhibition at Glasgow's Art Gallery and Museum.

The exhibition catalogue includes an interview with English sculptor John Gibbons. Talking about "Gothic Man," a vertical iron piece made by Gonzalez in 1931, Gibbons finds it has architectural references, a suggestion of African sculpture about it, but to see it as a figure, he feels, "is pushing it."

Gibbons believes Gonzalez understood that the discovery of modern sculpture meant that all kinds of surprising, immediate, sensitive experiences could be achieved "without making a figure or a head." What Gibbons sees in "Gothic

Man" and Gonzalez' dancing figures is "articulation," "an essence of aliveness." Gibbons goes on to explain, "It's like a state you get into when you're really happy, you're elated. It's as if you can do anything, be anything at that moment."

Artists, of course, select what best suits them from the work of other artists they admire; they are partial. Picasso said he went shopping. The great surge of creativity, of inspired adventure, in the last part of Gonzalez' career, has proved a good place for other artists to shop.

Smith was certainly influenced by him in his own realisation that steel welding could open up fresh sculptural possibilities. But this was only one aspect of Gonzalez, who worked — when he could afford it — in bronze, stone, even silver, and who wasn't the only sculptor working in steel. (The current exhibition displays this diversity well).

Henry Moore recognised another aspect of the importance of Gonzalez for 20th-century sculpture — but again in his own terms: bringing "a lot of disparate elements together" to make "one single unified thing out of it."

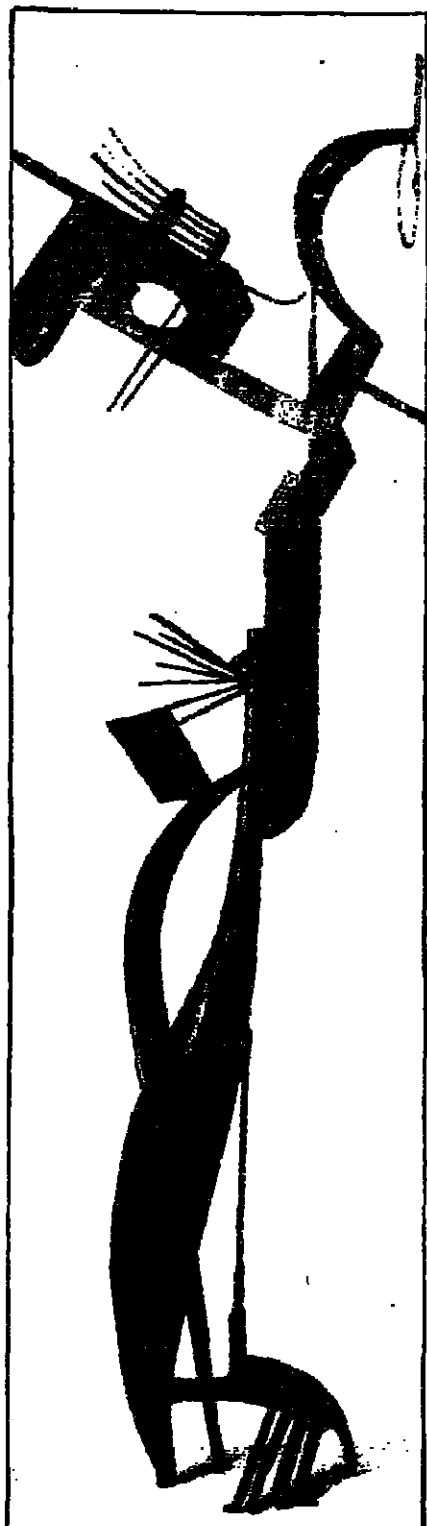
But one could also argue that the disparate elements in his figures remain disparate to a degree unprecedented in earlier sculpture, and that this is the element that makes Gonzalez so surprising, even today.

As for Gibbons' recent assessments, it might be said in opposition that Gonzalez himself insisted on referring to his works as "beads" or "figures" and that they almost always contain small touches, orientations, or amusing substitutions that identify them as heads or figures while at the same time acting as forces, lines, essences.

What Gonzalez did for his own sculpture and the art itself was find astonishing freedom from the model. It is impossible to see Gonzalez as an abstract sculptor — and yet without abstraction as a potent concept, his work would have been just decorative. He is never a geometrical "constructivist" — and yet when it suits him he can introduce an unexpected circle, triangle, square. But these regular shapes are also eyes, mouths, noses.

It is, however, equally impossible to see him as any kind of realist, a portrayal of the figure. And yet the human element is never absent, the expression of human feelings — joy, exuberance, anguish, terror.

It is fair enough for Penelope Curtis to conclude in her catalogue essay that "it is his subject-matter — its profoundly human nature — which sets Gonzalez



'Woman with Mirror' is a welded steel sculpture by Julio Gonzalez.

apart as a modern sculptor." And yet that, too, is only one facet of the story. Perhaps the final words should be from Gonzalez himself.

"... The sculptor must give form," he wrote, "not to the imitation of another, real form, but to a light, to a colour or to an idea. (Thus) this form, even the most human, will be altered from the model. Hence a new source of problems to solve, created by unexpected situations, and an architecture to be created by the artist."

The Julio Gonzalez exhibition is on at London's Whitechapel Art Gallery and the Graves Art Gallery in Sheffield from Aug 11 to Sept 16.

A tribute to American immigrants

NEW YORK (AP): The noble soaring spaces are radiantly clean and dry again. Light streams on a summer day. On one or two patches of wall restorers have left poignant graffiti, scribbled names and drawings of outstretched hands.

The graffiti was the artwork of immigrants, some of the 12 million people seeking a new life who passed through this main building of the Ellis Island immigration station. They were the forebears or perhaps 140 million present-day Americans.

"Nowhere else can you say 'almost half the population of the country can trace their ancestry back through this building,'" says architect John Belle, director of a 156-million-dollar Ellis Island restoration project.

The architects in charge of the renovations were Belle's firm, Beyer Blinder Belle, and Notter Finegold and Alexander. They began work in 1983 to rescue the 220,000-square-foot (20,400-square-metre) building, neglected for more than a quarter of a century and left in a state of near-ruin. It will reopen to the public on Sept 10 as the National Museum of Immigration and is expected to draw two-and-a-half million visitors a year.

"We began by getting to know everything about the building, by documenting it to the umpteenth degree, every nook and cranny," says Belle, leading a tour of the Beaux-Arts structure.

The familiar, warmly handsome, horizontal building in limestone and brick, with four copper-domed towers, dominates its island in the harbour alongside the island where the Statue of Liberty stands.

The present building opened in 1900, replacing an earlier wooden structure destroyed by fire in 1887, along with all the records. The present building continued in use until 1954, when it was inherited, already in deteriorated condition, by the National Park Service.

"The original design of the building with its

It was where millions of people were introduced to the United States, a cavernous building on Ellis Island in New York harbour. Out of use and neglected for nearly 30 years, it has undergone a 156-million-dollar refurbishing and will reopen in September as the National Museum of Immigration.

east and west wings was a very classical plan, and it was also a very efficient plan for moving people through," Belle says.

In addition to describing the history and experiences of those Ellis Island immigrants, the museum will reflect the whole history of immigration into the United States from all entry points. It also will present some of the achievements of those immigrants.

Visitors will be able to follow the immigrants' route through the building. From the dock where the ferry from Manhattan will leave them, they'll walk to the main entrance under an airy new canopy, described by Belle as "a contemporary interpretation of the original."

Belle, a native of Wales who came to the United States in 1959, specialises in historic preservation.

"The park service is very strict about never faking history," Belle says. "That's a philosophy we share. We don't want to fool anybody with our project. This is a very, very careful restoration."

Most immigrants spent most of their time on Ellis Island in the second registry room. In its heyday it routinely handled 5,000 to 7,000 people a day. April 17, 1907, is believed to

have been the peak day, when 11,747 came through.

"To many it must seemed huge, an intimidating, the largest building they'd ever seen in their lives, filled with noise, a babel of languages," Belle says.

And the lamps glittering along the balconies and shining down from the chandeliers would have been the first time many of them, coming from small villages, ever saw electric light.

At the far end of the great chamber is a memorable staircase. The one by which immigrants left after negotiating the nervous passage through desks and register books and questioning officers. The exit was to one of the three destinations, down one of the three lanes separated by the staircase's two railings.

On the left, you were off to catch a ferry into Manhattan; on the right, to buy your ticket for a train heading out west. But the centre lane was the "stair of separation" down which immigrants were detained for further formalities.

They may have found themselves pleading their cases in the special inquiry room, a kind of court of last appeal. This is one of the few rooms that will be left as a "period room," with its carved wooden railings directing anxious steps toward the judge's table.

Many other interiors have been designed to accommodate exhibits, not to simulate the rooms' early appearance.

In addition to the major exhibition areas, there are a library and reading room, an oral history centre with recording studio where immigrants and former employees may chronicle their memories, and a listening centre where others may hear these recordings.

Other public amenities include orientation areas, museum shops, two 146-seat movie theatres, meeting rooms and a restaurant with a terrace overlooking the harbour. A curatorial complex contains offices, research facilities and conservation labs.

John Cleese

Naughty, wicked thoughts

CHICAGO (Reuters): "I've always had an appearance of great respectability but then I have a slightly free-wheeling mind," John Cleese said, scratching his nose with a bottle cap. "I sort of have naughty, subversive thoughts," he said in a recent interview, narrowing his eyes in a look he refined in the 1970s during the heyday of the acclaimed six-man British comedy television series "Monty Python's Flying Circus."

But he has learnt how to cash in on the contrast between his wicked mind and his businesslike appearance.

"To undermine the reputation of an accountant, it helps to look like an accountant," he said.

Cleese, 50, who lives in London, was on a recent US tour to promote Video Arts, a hugely successful company based near Chicago which he co-founded and which now has a collection of some 85 business training films.

The company raked in \$25 million in revenues last year from more than 50,000 organisations that bought or rented its videotapes, which focus on the motivational and personal side of business operations.

The films, in which the towering Cleese plays roles ranging from a genie with magical business advice to the hopeless manager "Rulebound Reggie," are about more than making money, Cleese said.

"They're about treating people better so they live professional lives based on curiosity, enthusiasm and exploration rather than fear of an authoritarian boss," he said.

It may be difficult to fathom Cleese's belief in the business world after seeing him in Monty Python dressed as a banker doing a "silly walk," or as the disgruntled pet-store customer demanding a refund for a dead parrot.

He made a name for himself outside Monty Python with his 1987 film "A Fish Called Wanda," a comedy that also starred Python veteran Michael Palin and American actors Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline.

He also played the madcap hotelier Basil Fawlty in the critically acclaimed television series "Fawlty Towers".

But Cleese, who before Monty Python was a schoolteacher at St Andrews in Scotland, has a deadly serious side.

"I don't particularly enjoy just doing comedy. It was fine up to the end of Python, but when I do something now I like it to be about a little bit more."

To that end, Cleese is collaborating with British psychologist Robin Skynner and his ex-psychiatrist on a sequel to their 1983 self-help book, "Families and How to Survive Them", which sold 125,000 copies in Britain.

Lying on his back on a couch in a palatial hotel suite here, Cleese talked about their research on what keeps healthy people going.

"The funny thing about psychiatry and medicine in general is that it's based on the study of sick people rather than healthy people," Cleese said.



Ruth Cameron, a research student, is discovering that science is every bit as complicated as conducted by her predecessors.

The Cavendish tradition

WHY does bread go stale? What happens when it goes stale? What effect do different storage temperatures or freezing have on the staling process? And why can stale bread be temporarily "refreshed" by placing it in the oven?

It seems strange that we should not know the full answers to these questions all these years after Rayleigh determined the absolute values of the ohm, ampere and volt. Thomson discovered the electron. Rutherford the atomic nucleus, and Bragg pioneered work on the X-ray study of crystal structures. All were distinguished scientists at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge.

Here Ruth Cameron, a research student at the Cavendish, is discovering that science every bit as complex as that conducted by her predecessors is needed to determine why starch-based foods like bread, cake and biscuits go stale. One technique she is using is small angle X-ray scattering, a method with its roots in Bragg's research. This technique gives an indication of the size, shape and cluster of molecules in the starch.

Another technique is differential scanning calorimetry whereby a sample is heated with the temperature rising at a constant rate. By monitoring the heat required to do this, the changes in the

molecular packing can be observed precisely in relation to alterations in the temperature.

Research has shown that the molecules in uncooked starch are "semi crystalline"....that is that they have a certain amount of order or alignment. When starch is cooked they become disordered once the temperature reaches 60C. As the bread goes stale, the molecules regain some sort of order.

Discover the reason for this phenomenon and perhaps a way to prolong the life of starch-based foods can be found. This is just one project being undertaken at the Cavendish, where scientific research has been carried out since it was established in 1870 as the world's first university physics department to have its own laboratories and science equipment.

Another "first" followed in 1895 when the university for the first time admitted graduates from other universities as "research students." After two years' residence, they could submit a thesis and were awarded a degree. Initially, this was the MA but after a few years the PhD was especially created and it is interesting that, on the first day that the new regulations came into force, one of the two students to present himself to the laboratory was Ernest Rutherford.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

Question: I don't know whether you have ever dealt with this subject, but I know you like medical trivia questions. How about trying this one? Where did the term "Blue blood" come from? If I don't see this in your column, I'll know you don't have the answer.

Answer: You shouldn't challenge me like this. It drives me to degrees of frenzied activity that could be bad for my health.

As you know, all blood vessels look blue when viewed through the skin, although they contain blood that is red. The lighter the skin, the more noticeable that blue shade is.

In the days of aristocrats and peasants, the peasants worked in the fields, becoming brawny and tanned, and the colour of the vessels became obscured. Meanwhile, back at the palace, the aristocrats remained carefully protected from the sun's rays, with white, translucent skin. It was easy to see their vessels, as the fine blue lines contrasted with the fairness of the skin.

Blue vessels meant blue blood to those folk, and thus aristocrats became known as "blue bloods." The fact is their blood is no different than our. Two points for the doctor; who's next?

THERE has been much mail about my answer to a 29-year-old woman with a breast lump. Having two opinions that the lump was probably a cyst, she wondered whether the doctors were correct in declining to order a mammography. The mail reveals some concerns that were not addressed in my response, as well as other advice that was felt to be important.

There were several letters detailing histories when the

Breast lump should be investigated, readers advise

patient was under 30 and where a breast lump was found to be cancerous, and one letter noted that the incidence of breast cancer in women under the age of 30 is increasing by 3 per cent to 4 per cent yearly.

"While it is likely that she doesn't have cancer," wrote one director of a professional review organisation, "other readers under 30 just might have it, and tell themselves... they are too young." Youth, therefore, is not an absolute; merely being under the statistical age of 30 does not guarantee that a lump is not malignant.

Another suggestion was that a suspicion of a cyst should have required a referral for an ultrasound examination, which could detect the difference between a solid or fluid-filled mass. In the case of a solid mass, the radiologist would then follow with a mammography and then biopsy. Another physician would have required the mammogram and then aspirated or drained fluid from the cyst if it was so diagnosed, and sent the fluid for analysis to a pathologist if it was cloudy. Another irate physician (from a university hospital) advised a third opinion from a "university medical centre" for a qualified opinion that could lead to an appropriate work-up.

Almost everyone agreed that the history of cancer in this woman's family required more than mere routine investigations. It is clear that the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer is not an easy problem, and that no one method is sufficient to cover all eventualities. It proves again the point that while statistics and averages are fine for guidelines, each individual must receive the attention that is needed for a specific situation, and that the concerns of the patient must be respected.

Blind Vicky's colour therapy

She can tell a colour by its vibrations

By Jo Mears

ALTHOUGH Vicky Wall is blind, she works in a magical world of many colours. And she claims that they cure sick animals.

For 72-year-old Vicky uses a rainbow-like range of coloured rubbing oils to put the animals back into the pink.

She claims that her wonder oils can cure everything from cold to cancer. Vicky sorted out a problem dog that bit a postman and managed to get a vicious temperamental racehorse calmly back on track.

Vicky even rubbed away a horse's fear of injections.

Although she is blind, 72-year-old Vicky says she is able to distinguish colours from the vibrations they give off.

She first applied her healing oil to humans several years ago. It formed part of her Aura Soma programme, which uses colour as a form of medicine.

But since then she has discovered that the colours' curing powers are just the job for animals too.

Vicky doesn't just apply the oils to animals at random.

It is very carefully thought out. She can tell exactly what is wrong with a pet simply by looking at its aura — the electro-magnetic field surrounding it.

She is able to "see" a band of coloured light extending from head to toe.

If Vicky finds light fading in one area, she knows that is where the problem lies.

She explains: "Each area of an animal's body has a particular colour. For instance, red governs the reproductive organs, yellow is connected with the liver and pancreas and green is linked with the heart and lungs."

Therapist Vicky, a retired chiropodist and pharmacist who operates from Tetford in Lincolnshire, England, first tried out her Aura Soma therapy on her own dog, Nina.

She recalls: "I noticed the red



Diagnosis. Vicky Wall finds out what is wrong with a golden retriever using her Aura Soma method.

in Nina's aura was fading and that she was fraying along a bit. I think there was some slight paralysis in her back legs. So I applied some red oil to her undercarriage to pep her up. Within just a few days, she was running about again.

Then, while she was in Denmark, a client asked Vicky to look at her difficult dog.

Vicky said: "The dog was terrified and tried to bite anyone came near it, including the postman. Whenever there was a knock at the door, the dog went berserk."

"I think it must have been maltreated by its past owners. So, when it heard knocking or shouting, it became anxious. The

owners tried all sorts of conventional treatment for it, but nothing worked.

"As soon as I looked at the dog, I knew it needed some orange oil. You see, orange is, very calming and it's a good shock absorber."

"Now the dog is fine, but the owner always keeps a bottle of orange oil handy."

Another client, Diana Maberly, was able to calm her daughter's frisky horse with orange oil.

Diana said: "My daughter's horse was absolutely terrified of injections. It took three people to hold it still whenever the vet came and he kicked like anything. But after I rubbed orange oil into the

horse's rump, it was a different character."

The orange oil also ended the nightmare of a race-horse owner. He had bought an extremely expensive stud, which was proving temperamental. The horse wouldn't let anyone approach it.

It was vicious and bad tempered. But a touch of orange oil on the rump did the trick.

Later the owner found out that the animal had been suffering from shock because a stable boy at the horse's former stables had been physically abusing the horse.

Vicky started to develop her colour therapy several ago when she began to go blind.

It was then she started to feel colours vividly through their vibrations.

She made coloured oils, blending together a mixture of herbs, trace elements and chalice water — water from the spring at Glastonbury where Joseph of Arimathea is said to have founded the first Christian settlement in England.

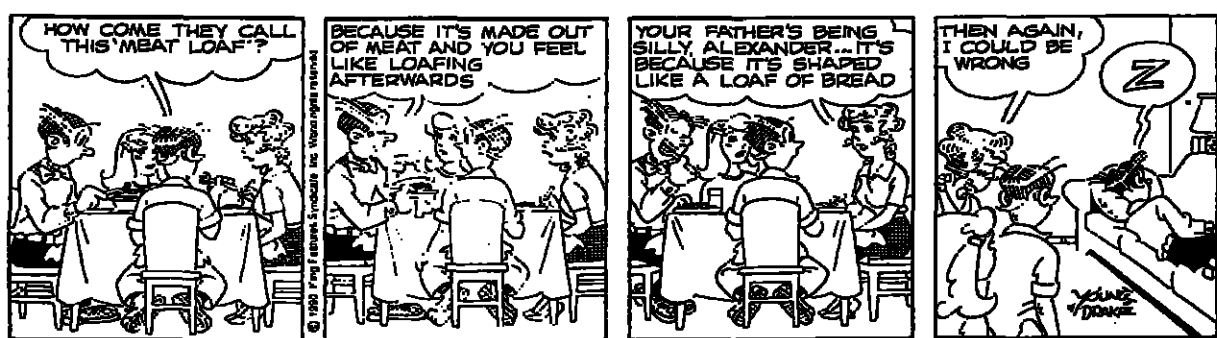
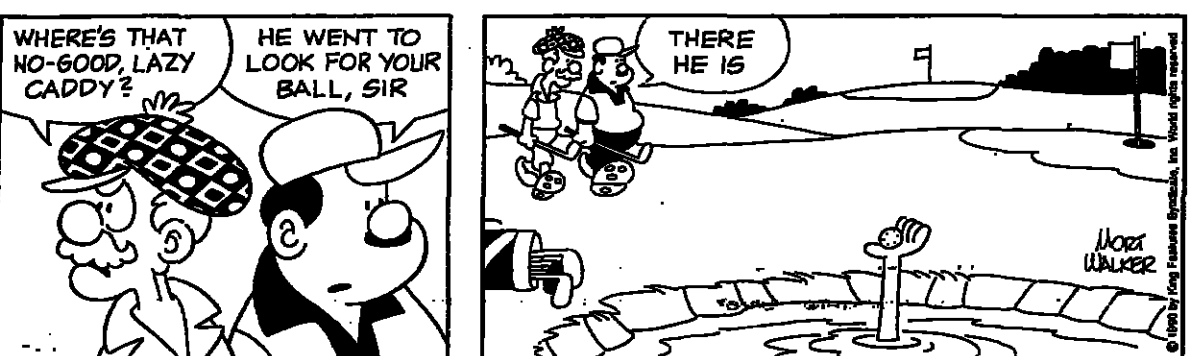
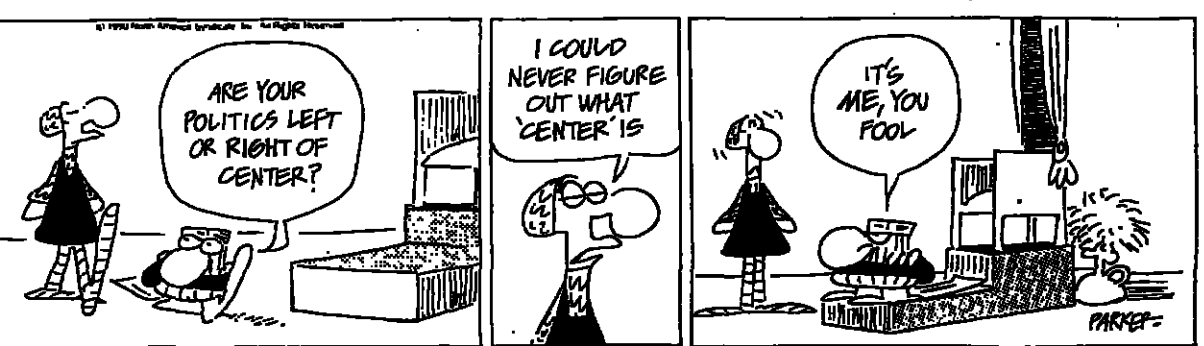
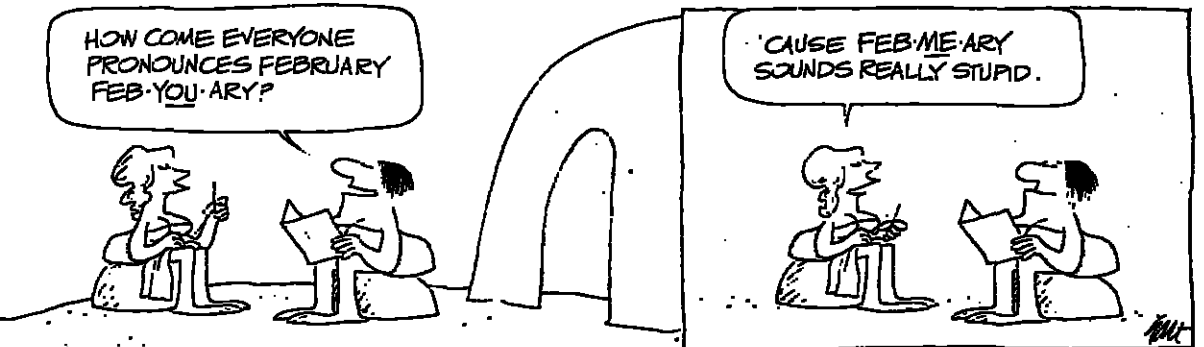
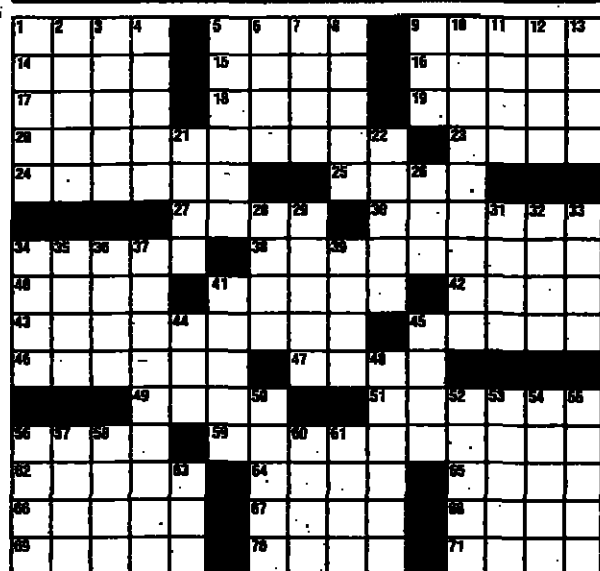
But it was quite by accident that Vicky discovered their healing properties.

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- ACROSS**
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 - Khayyam
 - Noblewoman of Seville
 - Sky blue
 - "The —": 1935 Colbert/MacMurray film
 - Material measure
 - "Remington" — 25 Ages and ages
 - Unruly youngster
 - Before talk or take
 - Soft wood
 - Pop music's Fifth —
 - On a cruise
 - A friend of Vicki, Tim and Harvey
 - Jason's vessel
 - Scams
 - Liam's terrain
 - Sampler
 - Night light
 - Sleep like —
 - Most hard to find
 - Gardener at times
 - Apple dessert
 - Knight wear
 - "...baked in—"
 - Knit one, — two—
 - Increase
 - Fish features
 - Peter Gunn's girl
 - Mosaic
- DOWN**
- Williams and Kennedy
 - Laurence Olivier role
 - Kermit's relatives
 - Maximum
 - "— of Two Cities"
 - En —
 - More florid
 - Adored one
 - Skirt fad
 - Lacking novelty
 - "— Na Na"
 - Service revolver?
 - pura
 - Perry Mason's alter ego
 - Plant start
 - Isle of exile
 - Alpine sound
 - Before stick or stop
 - "Giselle" composer
 - Adolphe
 - Sparas
 - Tree dweller
 - Opera house location
 - Slaughter or Cabell
 - Woody fiber
 - "...not a dinner to — man to": S. Johnson
 - Island garlands
 - W California city
 - Largest amount
 - Edible pod
 - Solidity
 - Saudi
 - Brother of Peter Graves
 - Horticultural process
 - Turn away
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♥ Q 8 4

♦ 8 7 3 2

♣ Q 3

EAST

♠ 9 3

♥ 10 9

♦ K J 9 4

♣ K J 10 8 6

SOUTH

♠ A 4

♥ A K J 7 5 2

♦ 10 6

♣ 7 5 2

The bidding:

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1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♠

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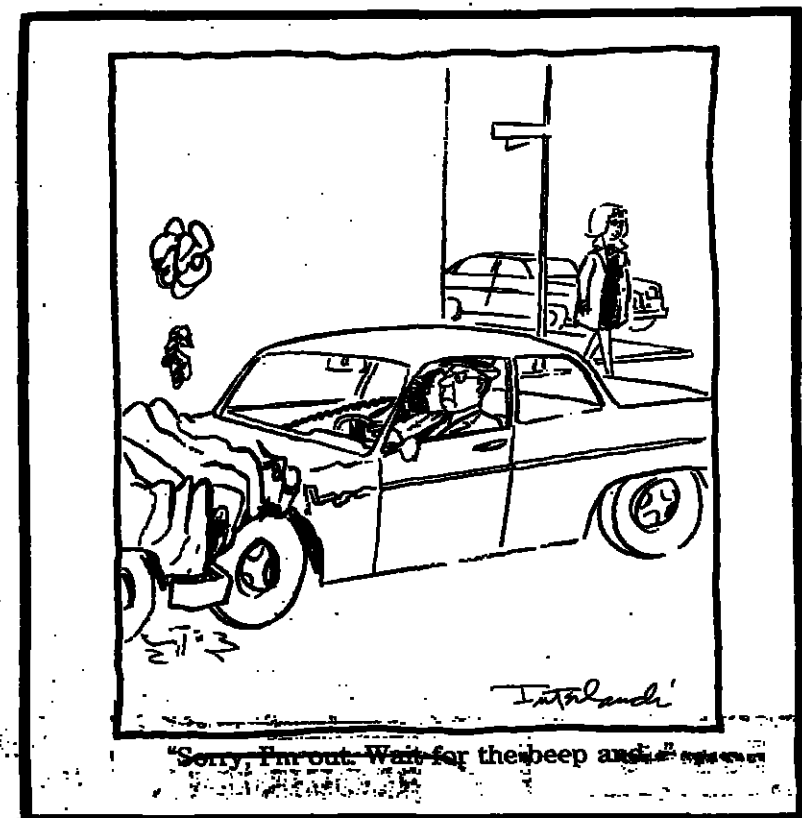
North's raise to four hearts is not a misprint. South's two-heart rebid in this sequence guarantees a six-card suit, and when your side has an eight-card major-suit fit, it is usual-

ly wiser to play in a suit than in no trump when your values consist largely of prime cards—aces and kings.

Did you take the diamond finesse at the first trick? If so, read no further—you have already flunked this test. Should the diamond finesse lose, you have given East the opportunity to shift to a club, which could place your contract in serious trouble.

You have surmounted the first hurdle if you rose with the ace of diamonds and led a trump from dummy. Did you finesse? If so, join the diamond finessers on the sidelines, for the same reasons they're warning the bench.

Correct is to rise with the king of trumps and cash the ace. Both defenders follow, and you can now virtually claim your contract. (You would still have chances if trumps were 4-1.) Cash the two high spades and lead the jack, discarding a diamond no matter what East does. All that remains is to take the ace of clubs at the first opportunity and discard a club on the ten of spades. By refusing three finesses, you've held your losers to one trump, one spade and one club.

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You will learn how to make better use of a new device. However you should not place excessive reliance on gadgets. You should have more faith in yourself as well as having the courage of your convictions. Be tolerant.



You are liable to fall behind your schedule and will have to sacrifice some of your spare time until you catch up. However do not despair all will work out for the best if you keep your head. Do a friend a favour and he will be duly grateful. Be tactful.



You should try not to get too far out of step with those around you. However that does not mean doing what you do merely because it is fashionable to do so. There is a greater likelihood of mistakes so watch out for them. Be cordial.



You will be able to put a good idea into practice. You will also be able to deal with a problem that has been dogging you. Take a little better care of your health. Be frank.



It is all too easy to gloss over the difficulties but if you do you will end up being sorry. You should not just wait for things to happen, try to use your initiative to anticipate events. Make sure you pursue a healthy and balanced diet. Be generous.



You are more liable to stomach upsets so take greater care about what you eat. Try to think a little more positively and do not lose confidence in yourself. Your lucky number are 12 and 32. Watch out for burglars. Be sensible.



Something you had long forgotten will now come back to you. You will be disinclined to do what has to be done and should try to summon up a little more will power. It is not too late to correct a mistake you have made. Be considerate.



You will tend to allow your attention to wander and must do your best to regain control of it. Make sure you do not spend more than you can comfortably afford. You should take your mind off negative consideration. Be moderate.



Take extra care when driving or crossing the road. Something you would like to have done will not prove possible just now. Never mind, you will be able to concentrate on something else. Be alert.



You should not be too critical of others and you should take note of well meant criticism. If you think you are right and others wrong you are bound to be wrong. Spend a little time cleaning up and do not allow waste paper to accumulate. Be polite.



You should keep in practice using a skill even if you no longer use it every day. If you are not quick you could well miss the boat. However do not rush nor do things by halves. Be cautious.



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SPORTS

US land tough draw in volleyball tourney

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 29, (Reuters): The United States will start the defence of their world title in one of the toughest groups of the men's world volleyball championships.

In yesterday's draw for the competition to be held in Brazil in October, the holders were put in Group B with Argentina, ranked sixth in the world, Holland and Canada.

The group will be played in Brasilia. Six-times winners the Soviet Union were drawn in Group C along with France, Venezuela and Japan.

Hosts Brazil play in Group A, in Rio de Janeiro, and face Czechoslovakia, twice winners of the competition who have played in every world championship. Sweden and

South Korea. Group D in Brasilia threw together European champions Italy, African champions Cameroon, Cuba and Bulgaria.

Ruben Acosta, president of the International Volleyball Federation FIVB, said he felt any of 10 of the 16 teams could win. The FIVB has altered the format for the

championship, with the first round to be played on a round robin basis with the teams in each group meeting each other once.

The winners of each group qualify for the quarterfinals, with second and third-placed teams playing a round on a knockout basis to determine the other quarter finalists.

Americans, Soviets in Cup final

ATLANTA, July 29, (Reuters): The top-seeded United States yesterday swept past Austria into the final of the Federation Cup women's tennis tournament to face the Soviet Union, who advanced after second-seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Spain's number-one player, was forced to retire with an ankle injury.

Jennifer Capriati and Zina Garrison won singles victories and Gigi Fernandez and Patty Fendick added the doubles for a 3-0 US semifinal win the 28th Federation Cup, the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup.

Capriati beat Barbara Paulus 6-3 6-4 and Garrison defeated Judith Wiesner by the same score.

But Spain, confident it could avenge last year's defeat by the United States in the Federation Cup final in Tokyo, fell to injury and the fourth-seeded Soviet team.

Conchita Martinez started the day well for Spain by beating Lela Meskhi in their first-ever meeting. After winning the first set 6-3, Martinez, ranked 10th in the world, broke the 25th-ranked Meskhi at 5-5 then won the second set 7-5 on her match point.

Battled

But when Sanchez, ranked sixth in the world, lost her first set to the Soviet number-one, 12th-ranked Natalie Zvereva, by a 4-6 score.

The two then battled through a long point at deuce in game one of the second set. Sanchez saved several smashes but suddenly collapsed to the hardcourt surface crying in pain after failing to reach a winner by Zvereva. Sanchez received ice and her ankle was taped, and she courageously resumed play.

Zvereva took the game on a drop shot Sanchez could not get near and in the next game the Spaniard fell behind love-40 before winning the next three points to come back to deuce. After four more deuces, however, it was clear Sanchez's crafty shot-making could not in the long run make up for her lack of mobility. Zvereva won the game with a smash at the net and Sanchez retired.

She was taken to hospital for X-rays, which found no serious injury, and team manager Maria Jose Pascual said Sanchez might be able to play in a few days.

But it was too late for Spain in the decisive doubles. Spain had to pair Martinez with 16-year-



Sanchez sits on the court after injuring her ankle (Reuters wirephoto)

old Pilar Perez in Sanchez's place. Against the world's number-two doubles team, Zvereva and Larisa Savchenko, there was little hope. The Soviet pair won 6-2 6-3.

Soviet captain Olga Morozova expressed sympathy for Sanchez but said: "It doesn't matter how you win — it's nice to win."

She said the match-up with the United States would be exciting. "It'll be interesting to play them in their country, and to play well," she said, adding as the team members whispered behind her, "and they say, to win."

The 14-year-old Capriati said she looked forward to the crowd support against the Soviet team. "I always like that when the crowd gets into it, because that helps me out," she said.

It took Capriati, ranked 13th in the world, more than four minutes to win a point against Paulus, losing the first two games of the match at love.

But she won the next three games to go up 3-2 and broke the 18th-ranked Austrian to lead 5-3. She then served an ace for her first set point, which she converted when Paulus returned her serve wide, and won the set 6-3 in 29 minutes.

In the second set the young American, working well from the baseline and winning the point

almost every time she went to the net, broke Paulus at love in the third game to lead 2-1. The games proceeded on serve — Capriati's mother Denise exhorting her, "Get tough, Jennifer!" — until the 10th game of the set, when Paulus saved a first match point.

In the match's most exciting point, Capriati returned two smashes from the tall Austrian, then sent a backhand to the right forecourt for a winner. Capriati then converted her second match point when Paulus netted a backhand, giving Capriati a 6-3 6-4 victory in one hour, 10 minutes.

Best

US captain Marty Riessen said he thought the day's US singles matches were the best the two had played at the tournament, and added that he had expected to face the Soviet team in the finals because of their doubles strength.

Garrison, ranked fifth in the world, had never before faced Wiesner, ranked 15th. After the match, she plays a lot like me but I serve and volley a little better than she does."

The United States won both its previous meetings with the Soviet Union in the Federation Cup, in 1979, and 1980, and both times went on to win the Cup by beating Australia 3-0 in the final.

Irwin hits 67 to stay on top in \$1m event

GRAND BLANC, Michigan, July 29, (Reuters): Two-time 1990 PGA Tour winner Hale Irwin shot a five-under-par 67 for a three-day total 17-under-par 199 to grab a one-stroke lead at the \$1 million Buick Open being played at the Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club.

Irwin holds a one-stroke lead over Billy Andrade, who shot a six-under-par 66. Also with a 66 yesterday was Tour veteran Fuzzy Zoeller at 201, two shots off the lead, and Doug Tewell, three shots back at 202.

Starting the day tied with third-round co-leader Don Pooley at 12-under par, Irwin, birdied the third hole from 10 feet and birdied the seventh after hitting a pitching wedge to the hole. On 10 he bridled from eight feet, then two-putted the par-five 13th from 40 feet for birdie. He concluded his round with an eight-foot birdie.

"After a 63 Saturday, it would have been difficult to bring forward another round like that," Irwin said. "I was a little sloppy with my driving and not very tight with my irons. I made some putts and that made a good combination."

"There are just so many good players out there. To be 17-under par and to just be one ahead, it makes you shake your head."

Irwin has won back-to-back titles at the US Open and the Buick Classic in Rye, New York. The 45-year-old player has won 19 times on Tour, including three US Opens.

Andrade, who enjoyed his best finish ever on Tour at last year's Buick Open where he finished second, had seven birdies and a bogey yesterday.

On the front nine he suffered his lone bogey on two after a birdie on one, then birdied the fourth with a 20-foot putt.

"I felt real comfortable with the back nine to play," Andrade said.

In Bernardsville, New Jersey, a solid-shooting American team led the first round of Curtis Cup play 6-3 yesterday, but an intense battle between American Vicki Goetze and Britain's Julie Hall dominated the day.

In what amounted to a showdown between each country's top amateur player, Hall edged Goetze by two holes after a tight shootout that saw the lead change hands several times in the first twelve holes at the Somerset Hills Country Club.

The Curtis Cup, in its 26th biennial match, pits the best eight US amateur women golfers against their British and Irish counterparts, although this year's British team has no Irish players. It is the women's equivalent of the men's Walker Cup.

Match play is scored by holes rather than strokes. A player scores a point for her nation's team by winning more holes in the match than her opponent.

In Zandvoort, Netherlands, Briton Steve McAllister maintained his three-stroke lead in the Dutch Open golf championship yesterday despite twice carding sixes after hitting his ball into an unplayable lie.

Three birdies in the last four holes, two of them with putts of 30 feet, enabled the 28-year-old to finish with a 68 and end the third round on six-under-par 204 with fellow-Briton Roger Chapman moving into second place after a 66.

But McAllister admitted he was worried about a final round charge by Spaniard Jose-Maria Olazabal, winner of this event last year after a play-off with Chapman and Ronan Rafferty of Britain.

And in Turnberry, Scotland, American Tour commissioner Deane Beman stayed in the holiday mood yesterday by stretching his lead to three shots going into the final day of British Seniors Golf Championship.

Beman, enjoying a six-week European golfing break, shot a three-under-par 67 to go under overall, three strokes ahead of his illustrious compatriot Arnold Palmer.

"I haven't been in this position since 1973 when I won my last tournament on the US tour," said Beman.

However, Beman's round was overshadowed by South African Harold Henning who set a Seniors' record at Turnberry with a round of 62 to move from joint 37th place to 10th.

Chang outlasts Sampras

Berger rallies to beat Hlasek

TORONTO, July 29, (Reuters): American Michael Chang beat countryman Pete Sampras 3-6 7-6 (7-5) yesterday in semifinal play at the \$1.2 million Canadian Open Tennis Championships.

The seventh seed's win over Sampras, seeded fifth, sent him into the finals of his first Canadian Open, where he will face

fourth-seed Jay Berger of the US.

Berger beat unseeded Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 3-6 6-2 6-2 in a nearly two-hour battle in the other semifinal match.

"My game is unbelievable," Berger said. "My concentration is sometimes lackadaisical, but I'm playing such good tennis I'm getting away with it."

Chang and Sampras had spectacular quarterfinal showings on Friday — Chang overcame leg cramps to defeat top-seed Andre Agassi and Sampras sent the legendary John McEnroe, the third seed, packing.

Chang's victory in the two hour-40 minute match surprised him, and until the middle of the third set Sampras was stron-

gly in control.

"I really don't think I should've won that match," said the 24th-ranked Chang. "I was down 3-0 in the third set when Pete let up a little bit."

"It certainly was my match to win," said Sampras, of his loss. "I knew he wasn't going to give it to me."

The match was tight throughout with Sampras claiming the only break of the first set in the sixth game. There were no break points in the second set and Chang squeaked by in the tiebreak at 6-5 when Sampras hit a forehand crosscourt wide.

Sampras started to suffer the consequences of the heat at 3-0 in the final set. Chang had his three break points in the third game — his first break opportunities in the match — but couldn't convert them to even the set.

Sampras, who had 19 aces in the match, finally opened the door to Chang in the fifth game of the third set. Chang broke at 30-40 when Sampras hit a high backhand volley that was clearly going to land wide.

While both Chang and Sampras are 18 years old, the more well-known Chang — who became the youngest male French Open champion in 1989 — has experience on his side.

In the day's other match, once the 47th-ranked Hlasek let Berger get a feel for the ball, his chances were gone.



Chang swings hard at a volley (Reuters wirephoto)

Jones takes 2-shot lead

BETHESDA, Maryland, July 29, (Reuters): Rosie Jones took the lead after the third round of the first-ever \$1 million LPGA purse at the Mazda LPGA Championship yesterday.

Jones shot a one-under-par round of 70 at the challenging 6,246-yard Bethesda Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland for a three-day total of four-under-par 209, two strokes ahead of second place Cathy Johnston, a recent LPGA major event winner.

In a tie for third are Chris Johnson and Dawn Coe at one-under-par 212. Sue Ertl, who was the second-round leader, quickly lost her lead after bogeying the first three holes. Ertl struggled to a third-round score of eight-over-par 79.

Jones had two birdies and one bogey on the day, and parred every hole on the front side to make the turn at three-under-par for the tournament. She got her first birdie on the par-five 12th to go to four-under, and her second and last birdie of the day came on the par-four 15th hole.

She followed that with a bogey on the treacherous 195-yard par-three 16th hole to fall back to four. After her quadruple bogey on the same hole on Friday, the bogey was welcomed.

"It was impossible to not think about what happened yesterday," said Jones. "It is such a difficult hole."

Johnston started the day at two-under-par. She bogeyed the first hole to fall back to one-under. She birdied her second hole but again recorded another bogey on her front side on the par-four fifth to turn even for the day one-under-par for the tournament.

Johnston's back side consisted of birdies on the par-five 12th and 14th holes. But she bogeyed the par-four 18th to finish the tournament at two-under-par.



Spain's Marta Figueras-Dotti blasts her way out of the sand during third round play of the LPGA Championship at the Bethesda Country Club. (Reuters wirephoto)

All-white club welcomes black golfers

CARMEL, Indiana, July 29, (UPI): Hoping to avoid the controversy besetting this year's PGA Championship, the all-white club hosting next year's tournament is spreading the word that it welcomes applications from blacks.

Crooked Stick Golf Club president Michael Browning said no blacks have ever applied for membership there, but that the club has no policies that would exclude black members.

"That you pay your dues and can get around the golf course in 4 hours and 15 minutes are about the only requirements we have," said Browning, who also serves as general chairman of the 1991 PGA Championship.

"We've never had a black member, but that's because we've never had a black apply and that is not a self-serving statement," Browning said. "I just know our membership, and I've talked with past presidents and board members about it and I can assure you that it is not a problem at Crooked Stick. If a guy meets the requirements, he could be purple and be accepted."

England find right pace to beat Argentina in first Test

BUENOS AIRES, July 29, (Reuters): England's rugby union team overcame a bad start to its Argentine tour and found the right pace to beat Argentina's "Pumas" 25-12 in their first Test match yesterday.

English team members, smiling at a news conference for the first time in many days, said their squad showed it was improving after losing three of its four previous tour matches.

"For the first time in the tour we managed to gain control of the ball," captain Will Carling said. "We maintained control and then developed the pattern we had been trying all the tour."

England, which brought about half the players from the Five Nations runners-up side, yesterday fielded a stronger team than those that played Argentine regional and club sides.

"Today we had prepared a team to do a specific job and win an international match," England manager Geoff Cooke said.

England lost against local club champions Banco Nacion and regional sides Buenos Aires and Cuyo. So far their only victory on the tour had been against interregional champions Tucuman.

The tourists' coach, Roger Uttley, said the matches prior to the Test had been used to test young players who could eventually be on England's team for



England's Brian Moore (centre) tries to get the ball before Argentina's Alejandro Lachilli. (Reuters wirephoto)

the 1991 World Cup.

The tourists relied mostly on their taller, heavier forwards to attack the Pumas, who had beefed up a young team with four veterans who had played against England here in 1981.

Yesterday's match was the first Test between Argentina and England since both countries fought a war in 1982 over the Falklands and other British-ruled South Atlantic islands.

Although most of England's points were obtained by fullback Simon Hodgkinson by kicking five penalties and one conversion, the visitor's best plays resul-

ted from scrumhalf Richard Hill's and flyhalf's David Pear's quick kicks ahead.

England's two tries stemmed from such plays. In the first one the visitors reached the Pumas' 10-yard line and in the following scrum number-eight Dean Ryan tore away with the ball to dove into the Argentine in-goal.

The Argentines fought hard and were especially threatening in broken play led by scrumhalf Fabio Gomez. All the Pumas' points, however, were scored through four penalties kicked by winger Hernan Vidou.

Before the teams switched

sides with the score at 13-9 the Argentines missed a good chance to score a try, when veteran captain Marcelo Loffreda, playing at centre, tried to crash his way past on-coming English forwards instead of passing the ball.

The second English try, 50 minutes into the match, came in one of the rare times in which the ball reached the wingers.

Hill plucked a ball from a ruck 30 yards from the Argentine in-goal and tossed it out to his backs. The Pumas failed to stop winger Chris Oti before he reached the left corner flag to score.

Cheered on by a vocal crowd of 25,000 at Velez Sarsfield stadium, Argentina pushed the tourists back to their 10-yard line, but the Pumas repeated attacks were checked by England's best tackling since the tour started.

Loffreda acknowledged after the match he had made the wrong decision when he chose to play out two penalties Australian referee Brian Kinsey awarded the Pumas late in the game.

"In these matches you pay dear for mistakes. By playing the ball as we had planned to do we made errors which cost us at least one try," he said.

Argentine coach Rodolfo O'Reilly said he will most probably stick to the same team for the second Test, which is due to be played at Velez Sarsfield next Saturday.

Tigers maul Red Sox

DETROIT, July 29, (AP): Larry Sheets hit a bases-loaded triple during a 10-run sixth inning as the Detroit Tigers downed Boston 17-9 in an American League baseball game yesterday. Sheets also hit a three-run homer and finished with a career-high six runs batted in.

Paul Gibson (3-2) pitched four innings of one-hit relief for the victory. When he entered, the Red Sox led 8-4 and his first thought was to prevent a blowout.

Rangers 3, Blue Jays 2

Harold Baines hit a solo home run in the 13th inning and the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Rangers, stung in the ninth when Toronto rallied for two runs, won it when Baines hit his 10th home run with two outs against Frank Wills (5-3).

Results	
American League	National League
Cleveland 2	N.Y. Yankees 1
Texas 3	Toronto 2
Detroit 17	Boston 9
Chicago WS 5	Milwaukee 4
Oakland 4	Minnesota 1
Minnesota 9	Oakland 4
Kansas City 10	Baltimore 9
Baltimore 3	Kansas City 1
Seattle 2	California 1
St. Louis 1	N.Y. Mets 0
Chicago Cubs 10	Montreal 7
Philadelphia 4	Pittsburgh 3
San Francisco 3	Cincinnati 2
Houston 5	San Diego 2
Los Angeles 8	Atlanta 7

Omam-Biyik takes Rennes to 2-0 victory

PARIS, July 29, (Reuters): Cameroon striker Francois Omam-Biyik, scorer of the first goal in the 1990 World Cup finals, hit two more yesterday to lift his First Division club Rennes to fourth place in the French soccer League.

Omam-Biyik, whose World Cup goal gave Cameroon a shock 1-0 defeat over holders Argentina in the opening match in Italy, helped his new club to a 2-1 victory over Paris Saint-Germain on the second weekend of the League season.

Marseille and Monaco, the two biggest spenders in the French League, occupy first and second places respectively.

Champions Marseille started the season in the same form as they ended the last one, maintaining their 100 per cent record on Friday with a 2-0 victory away to Metz.

Emmanuel Petit scored in the 75th-minute yesterday to give Monaco a 1-0 victory away to Auxerre.

The most spectacular goal of the night was a 35-metre shot from Lyon substitute Guillaume Masson three minutes from the end to give his side a 1-0 victory over Cannes.

Dutchman Piet den Boer scored for Caen, who have struggled since reaching the First Division two years ago, in their 2-0 defeat of Bordeaux, the club he left at the end of last season.

Caen moved into third place, level on points with Rennes and Lyon but ahead on goal difference.

Results	
Lyon 2	Cannes 0
Auxerre 0	Monaco 1
Rennes 2	P.S.G. 1
Lille 1	Nantes 1
Montpellier 2	Sochaux 0
Nancy 0	Brest 0
Caen 2	Bordeaux 0
Toulon 3	St Etienne 1
Nice 1	Toulouse 1
Played Friday:	
Metz 0	Marseille 2



Argentina's Daniel Sanaes (left) tries to get away from England's Antony Doodley. (Reuters wirephoto)

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US wrestlers stun Soviets at Goodwill Games

Kalinina upsets Boginskaya



Soviet Union's Gnel Medzhumyan is turned upside down by Cory Baze in Goodwill Games wrestling bout. (Reuters wirephoto)



Switzerland's Marc Levenberger (right) is sent crashing to the boards by US' Carl Valmont. (Reuters wirephoto)

TACOMA, Washington, July 29. (Reuters) Natalia Kalinina scored a perfect 10 in the floor exercise yesterday to upset Soviet team-mate and 1989 world champion Svetlana Boginskaya for the gold in the women's all-around gymnastics event at the Goodwill Games.

Henrietta Onodi of Hungary took the bronze.

With only her floor exercise to go, Kalinina held a slim .024 of a point lead over Boginskaya, whose last remaining apparatus was the vault, on which she won an individual gold medal at the 1988 Olympics.

But the 16-year-old Kalinina, who stands 1.42 metres, put on a dazzling floor routine. Her three tumbling passes were flawless, her energetic wiggling perfectly timed to the up-beat music and her grin infectious.

"I really didn't expect a 10," said Kalinina through an interpreter. "I think I performed well, but I've never had one before."

The 10 for Kalinina, who finished fourth at this year's Soviet national championships, was the only one in two days of women's competition. Soviet Vitali Scherbo achieved perfection on the vault in men's competition last weekend.

Boginskaya, 17, was succinct in her assessment of the competition.

Decide

"I am very happy with my performance, but it's up to the judges to decide everything," she said.

Onodi's bronze was her best result. She finished 20th at the 1989 world championships.

The US free style wrestling team took their first major victory over the Soviet Union in 30 years in a controversial gold medal match at the Games yesterday.

The 17-13 win was in doubt for more than 30 minutes, while officials reviewed judges' decisions in two weight classes. South Korea won the bronze 20-18 over Bulgaria.

The Soviets were upset over what they called prejudicial officiating in US victories at 48 and 52 kilograms.

International Wrestling Federation officials reviewed videotapes of the matches before upholding the judges' decisions.

"Had we lost either of the protests they (Soviets) would have won the match, said USA wrestling official Greg Strobel.

Particularly upsetting to the Soviets was American Zeka Jones' narrow victory over Sergei Zambalov at 52 kg.

Trailing 3-2 with 11 seconds remaining, Jones rolled Zambalov over for two match-winning points.

But the Soviets thought Jones' shoulder touched the mat on the move. They argued that either no points should have been scored or that both wrestlers should have scored two points, which would have negated the American's victory.

Instead the US team won the first four matches and withstood Soviet victories in the heavier weight classes.

Olympic champions David Gobeidjchvili and Arsen Fadzaev both won matches for the Soviets. Gobeidjchvili won a 3-1 decision over US silver medalist Bruce Baumgartner at heavyweight, and Fadzaev was awarded the 68 kg title over Nate Carr when Carr was warned three times for stalling.

Aggressive

Cuban world amateur lightweight champion Julio Gonzales held off aggressive American Kevin Childrey to keep his winning streak alive as boxing competition began at the Games yesterday.

The 5-0 decision gave Gonzales, gold medalist in the 60 kg class at the 1989 Moscow world championships, his 78th consecutive victory and put him into the semifinals.

Childrey attacked fiercely, often lunging at the Cuban, but Gonzales scored with more accurate, measured punches.

It was a mixed day for the Cubans as US flyweight Rudolph Bradley clawed back from two eight-counts in the first round to beat Raul Gonzales 4-1 in the 51 kg class.

Soviet lightweight Mikhail Kazaryan, a Leninakan native who stopped training for six months after the devastating 1988 earthquake in Soviet Armenia, easily defeated Andreas Zuelow of East Germany.

"It was a tragedy for me. For six months I was unable to train — first of all because the gymnasium was destroyed," Kazaryan, 24, said, adding that his nephew was killed and many of his family and friends were injured in the earthquake. Kazaryan will fight Julio Gonzales in the semifinals.

Yesterday's closest match was a crowd pleasing battle between West German middleweight Sven Ottke, bronze medalist at the world championships, and American Ronald Simms, which went to Ottke by a 3-2 decision.

Middleweights Chris Johnson of Canada and Soviet Rostislav Zaulichny also slugged it out, but Johnson got the better of the exchanges, scoring with combinations to the head to win a 4-1 decision.

Ottke and Johnson will meet in the semifinals.

US basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski says his team does not view today's Goodwill Games gold medal game as an exhibition and believes the Yugoslavs feel the same way.

"This has not been an exhibition series for us," said Krzyzewski, whose team has been playing together for only three weeks. "These games have given us a way of improving as a team."

The United States and Yugoslavia were to play for the gold, with Brazil and the Soviet Union deciding the bronze today.

With the world championships coming next month in Argentina, Soviet and Yugoslav coaches have said they were using these games for preparation and experimentation.

Krzyzewski said yesterday that playing in the title game had more meaning than that.

Standings

Soviets	45	40	33	118
US	45	42	28	115
E. Germany	10	7	21	38
Bulgaria	3	5	2	10
W. Germany	3	2	3	8
China	1	4	3	8
Cuba	3	2	2	7
Netherlands	1	1	4	6
Australia	0	3	3	6
Spain	2	2	1	5
Italy	1	2	1	4
Hungary	1	1	2	4
Jamaica	1	1	2	4
Poland	3	0	0	3
S. Korea	1	1	1	3
Czechoslovakia	1	0	2	3
Romania	0	2	1	3
Turkey	0	2	1	3
Brazil	0	1	2	3
Japan	0	0	3	3
Ethiopia	0	2	0	2
Kenya	0	1	1	2
Czechia	1	0	0	1
Denmark	1	0	0	1
Mexico	1	0	0	1
Mongolia	1	0	0	1
Morocco	1	0	0	1
Suriname	1	0	0	1
Bahamas	0	1	0	1
Yugoslavia	0	1	0	1
Britain	0	0	1	1
Ireland	0	0	1	1



Menez (left) and Domingo receive their awards



Pizarro



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Hutano

AL WAYLE KPBC Greek House and Overland Transport Co. all registered their sixth wins in similar fashion, routing their opponents in the end game as the Trico/KPBL '90 2nd Conference entered its 8th playing day at the Kaifan High School Gymnasium. Though crowd attendance was at its minimum, the few who had braved the summer heat were once again treated to a fine display of non-stop Filipino basketball action.

Kuwait Regency Palace 66, Mabuhay Kamay 65. In the first match of the day, Kuwait Regency Palace survived the upset-axe by noosing out the impressive Mabuhay-Kamay quietest, final score 66-65. Playing with only 9 men, the KRP dribblers found their hands full with the charge of Jun Sia Mena and Tolis Mattig-A. Halftime score was 33-30 in favour of Mabuhay-Kamay courtesy of the inspired play of R. Gonzaga who scored 17 1st-half points. In the next 20 minutes of play, both teams displayed serious basketball, and the breaks of the game went KRP's way for them to register win No. 4 in 6 outings.

Top scorers for KRP were Pizarro 21, Linguanay 13 and Rue 12. On the Mabuhay-Kamay side, Gonzaga had 27, Abad 16, Pinoto 8 and Cabigon 7. The Durrani Int'l Best Player of the Game was Roderick 'Eric' Pizarro of the KRP 5.

Pizza Italia 100, Al Ghanim Blue Star 88.

In another heart-stopping match, Pizza Italia recovered its composure to beat Al Ghanim Blue Star in overtime play, final score 100-88. In the 1st game 20 minutes of play, Pizza Italia clearly dictated the tempo of the ballgame to lead 44-32 at lemon time. In the 2nd-half, Al Ghanim Blue Star's Sumangising, De Leon and Galicia combined effectively to give the Pizza Makers a run for their money. With 3 seconds left in regulation play and Pizza Italia on top by 3 points (79-76), Al Ghanim Blue Star's Romy Sumangising sank a 3-pointer from a beautiful pass by team-mate Galicia, thus levelling the count at 79-79 and sending the game into overtime. In the 5 minutes extension of play, Al Ghanim Blue Star lost steam while Pizza Italia managed to come up with 21 big points through Hutano and Alojido. After 45 minutes of play, Pizza Italia registered win No. 3 in 5 games.

Leading point-makers for the winning quintet were Durrani Int'l Best Player of the Game — Hutano 31, Alojido 20, De Cruz 20 and Fantulgo 18. In another spirited performance, Al Ghanim Blue Star were led by Sumangising with 37, De Leon 21 and Galicia 17.

Key & Associates 103, Kirby Building Systems 94.

Kay & Associates continued to move up from the cellar by upsetting the hardluck Kirby Building Systems squad, final score 103-94. It was a most impressive win by the KAI squad as they played team ball effectively to hand down Kirby's loss as many games, half-time score was 52-39 in favour of KAI.

Top men for the KAI squad were Quiazon 28, Velayo 18, Marín 17, Alvendia 13, Quiro 11, Galang 8 and Morales 8.

Kirby on the other hand was led by Delegancia 38, Garcia 26, Geronimo 15, Joson 9 and Estrabo 6.

Jun Quiero of the KAI squad won votes as Durrani Int'l Best Player of the Game.

Overland Transport Co. 125, Nissam Al Baitan 104.

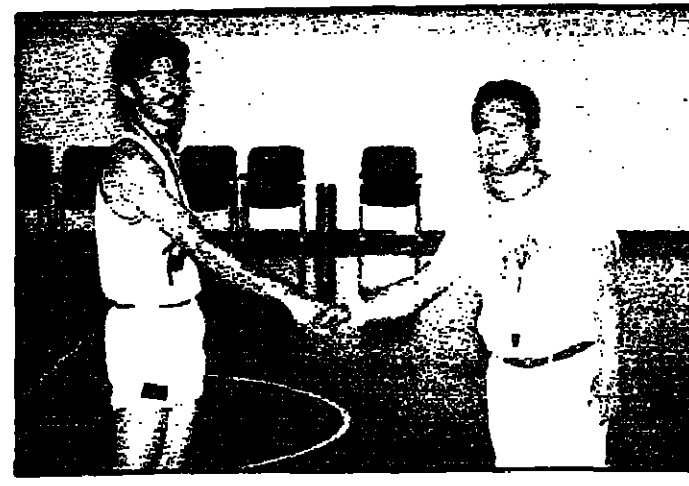
In a high-scoring match, Overland Transport Co. registered win No. 6 by subduing the much improved Nissam Al Baitan 5, final score 125-104. It was another fast-breaking performance by the OTC Trainers who handed the car dealers their 2nd loss in 6 outings.

Half-time score was 59-44 in favour of Overland.

Key men for the OTC Trainers were Durrani Int'l Best Player of the Game.



Quiero



Saldua (left) collects his award.

Belgian club denies fraud allegations

BRUSSELS, July 29. (UPI) Belgian soccer club Beerschot yesterday denied fraud allegations, but admitted fraud investigators had visited the club in the wake of newspaper charges of financial misconduct this week.

"We were visited by the special inspection squad, but there are no grounds for fear of any fraud at Beerschot," Beerschot secretary Luc Luyten said.

The club allegedly received more income than was shown in the books, several newspapers charged earlier this week.

Luyten said that was impossible.

"The tickets are numbered and bought from the Royal Belgian Soccer Federation, and secondly they are checked by the city of Antwerp," he said. Beerschot is an Antwerp suburb.

He admitted that the club has a 12 million franc (\$28,000) debt with the city but countered that Antwerp owes an equal amount due to renovation works of the stands. The stadium is owned by Antwerp.

Victory Team get another race date

DUBAI: Dubai's Victory Team, who will take part in their second US powerboat race in Bay City, Michigan on Saturday (August 4), have announced a third competitive racing date in America.

The Middle East's most successful powerboat team, who set two world records and won two US national titles in Florida earlier this month, will take on more of America's top boats just 24 hours later (August 5) off the coast of Grand Haven, also in Michigan.

The grand Haven race, organised by the Offshore Professional Tour (OPT), will see the crews of Victory boats 7, 11, 106 and 108 rub shoulders with the glittering stars of American offshore racing, including Miami Vice star Don Johnson — world superboat champion in 1988 — and Hollywood actors Kurt Russell and Chuck Norris.

"This is a very exciting time for everyone involved in the team," said Victory manager Randy Scism. "We will literally finish one race and start another. After the boats finish the Bay City race, we will wash them, flush the engines, put them on trailers and head for Grand Haven. Once there, we will work through the night to have everything ready on time."

The OPT came to prominence in December 1989 when most of the sport's celebrities abandoned the American Powerboat Association's (APBA) Offshore Division and took their Super, Open, Pro-Stock and Stock boats to take part in more lucrative events in cities such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

The move started a bitter power struggle in American powerboat racing that has caused a split down the middle of the sport. Despite the disputes involved, Victory Team manager Randy Scism is more concerned about the

performances of his team. "When you bring four powerboats 8,000 miles then it makes sense to race in as many events as possible," he said during a break from testing in Orlando, Florida. "We don't want to get involved in any political arguments, all we want to do is race and put on a good show for Dubai and Middle East sport."

Run across the waters of Lake Michigan, the Grand Haven race has a history of high waves and rough weather. If the pattern continues, the Victory catamarans may find it difficult to win.

"If the water is as nasty as it has been in the past five years, then the advantage will be with the tough 40ft boats which are more suited to the conditions," added Scism. "But we will worry about the weather there later. At the moment we are more concerned about winning in Bay City."

Hugo Maradona battles knee injury

VIENNA, July 29. (UPI) Hugo Maradona, Diego's younger brother, is battling a knee injury which may see the 21-year-old Argentine sidelined for months, his coach said yesterday.

"It's a shame," said coach Hans Krankl. "I was hoping Hugo would be fit to start the season with us this week but his right knee has been progressively getting worse."

Maradona, who joined Rapid Vienna this season,

may have to undergo surgery to repair damaged cartilage, doctors said.

Robby Langers, the Luxembourg-born striker for OGC Nice in the French Soccer League, has agreed to terms with the club through 1993, club officials said.

Langers extended his current contract, which ends at the close of 1990-91 season, by one year, and included an option to stay an additional year.

Tamakuma stops Lee for crown

TOKYO, July 29. (AP) Leopard Tamakuma of Japan won the World Boxing Association flyweight title today, beating Yui Woo Lee of South Korea by a technical knockout in the 10th round of a scheduled 12-round bout.

The knockout came two minutes and 21 seconds into the 10th round of the fight. Referee Enzo Montero of Venezuela stopped the fight when Lee was knocked into a sitting position against the ropes before 6,000 spectators at the Mito Peoples Gymnasium in Mito, 100 kilometres (60 miles) northeast of Tokyo.

Rocked

In the decisive 10th round, Tamakuma landed a flurry of punches. Lee was rocked by left and right blows by Tamakuma and went down to a sitting position for the first time. After Lee got up, Tamakuma ended the battle, again hitting the defenseless Lee with right and left combinations.

The 23-year-old Lee, making his first defense of the title he took from Venezuela's Jesus Rojas in Seoul, South Korea, succeeded in stepping in close from the opening round and managed to score from time with a series of left and right blows.

Lee often forced Tamakuma into the corner and landed some combinations on Tamakuma's face and body.

New Zealand set to sweep gold medals

STOCKHOLM, July 29. (Reuters) New Zealand were on course to take home both the individual and team gold medals in the three-day event world championships after jumping to first and third place in the cross-country test yesterday.

Blyth Tait, one of only 25 riders in a field of 84 to produce a clear round, took first place with 49.4 penalty points on his 8-year-old gelding Messiah.

The 23-year-old former showjumper, who has been eventing for the last four years, said he was happy with the course although some of the other riders expressed doubts.

"I thought it was very good. There were plenty of alternatives," he told reporters.

Tait's performance was matched by compatriot Andrew Nicholson on Spinning Rhombus who finished third with 56.4 points, putting New Zealand top of the team standings ahead of Britain and West Germany.

Frenchman Didier Seguret on Newlot was second with 54.2 points, helping France to sixth place in the team standings.

Denmark's only entry in the three-day event, the brown mare October ridden by its owner Johan Iversen, collapsed and died after refusing the 28th obstacle.



Blyth takes his horse Messiah over a jump. (Reuters wirephoto)

Raiders to face Saints on Aug 5 in London

LA CROSSE, Wisconsin, July 29. (AP) For a change, Jim Mora wants his team to think about something besides football.

The New Orleans Saints left today for London, where they will practice for a week against the Los Angeles Raiders, then play the Raiders in the American Bowl at Wembley Stadium on Aug 5.

Mora is usually singleminded about preseason practice, but the Saints coach is making an exception for the overseas trip.

"I know it's going to be different than it is over here, and I've accepted that. This is part of going over there," Mora said.

One of the reasons we take the trip is that we want them to be distracted. We want them to enjoy the trip. We're not going over there with the idea of practicing twice a day and having meetings until 10 o'clock at night.

"They are going to have some free time. We want them to learn something from their experiences over there, so we're giving them that opportunity."

Equipment manager Dan Simmons has been supervising packing since May — including about a ton of trunks and 13 equipment carts loaded with enough gear to fill a dump truck.

Assistant trainer Kevin Mangum has an 89-page list. He even had to count the band-aids.

"We don't expect any problems, but if somebody in customs wants to check, it's all listed," he said.

Jim Miller, vice-president of Administration, said he is taking a pen and a note pad.

"We'll leave a skeleton crew here and in New Orleans to answer telephones, but we're essentially shut down for a week."

The Saints played a preseason game in Mexico City in 1978, and Simmons handled the packing for that game, too.

"That was nothing like this," he said. "That was like going to Atlanta — no passports, no nothing — just put them on the plane and go."

Mora has scheduled one practice each day and a minimum of team meetings, leaving plenty of time for players and their wives to play tourist.

■ Cary Conklin won the battle of the rookie quarterbacks in a Saturday scrimmage, leading the Washington Redskins to a 28-24 victory over the New England Patriots, during a National Football League practice match.

Conklin, a fourth-round draft pick from the University of Washington, completed nine of 13 passes for 91 yards and two touchdowns. His first scoring pass — 24 yards to Walter Stanley — gave Washington a 21-17 lead. His second loss of 1 yard to tight end John Brantley on the final play won the game.

"Sure I was excited about it," Conklin said. "It's the competitive nature of athletes to want to win whatever they do. To me, it was important we came out ahead."

Conklin outdueled a pair of New England rookies, former LSU star Tommy Hodson and Michael Proctor from Murray State. Hodson, the Patriots' third-round draft pick, completed eight of 11 for 125 yards and a touchdown and proctor, a free agent, hit five of 11 for 74 yards and a touchdown.

Meanwhile, second-year running back Bobby Humphrey scored the only touchdown of the Denver Broncos' 60-play scrimmage on a 10-yard run.

"For a second time (scrimmage), I thought we looked pretty good," coach Dan Reeves said. "We came out without any injuries, and that's what you always worry about. Hopefully, the guys we've got nicked up will be back and ready to go on Monday."

Quarterback John Elway completed several passes to his running backs, which the coaches want him to do more of.

Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula was pleased by the performance of offensive tackle Richmond Webb, who just ended an eight-day holdout, during a scrimmage that the defense won 9-6.

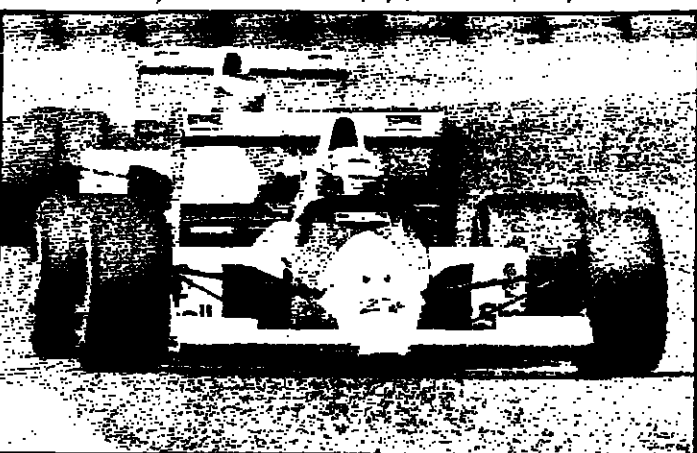
"Webb got into it early and did some good things," Shula said. "It's a big step for a young guy to step on the practice field for the first time Friday and then scrimmage. We're pleased with what we have there."

Nannini finishes in 2nd place

Senna wins German GP



Ayrton Senna lifts his trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)



Senna in action during the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany, July 29. (UPI) With a fine display of skill, patience and technical excellence Brazilian driver Ayrton Senna today drove his McLaren to his third successive West German Grand Prix.

Second was Italian Alessandro Nannini driving a Benetton, with Austrian Gerhard Berger, Senna's McLaren teammate in third slot.

Senna's win also gives him the lead in the World Driver's Championship with 48 points in this series, previously held by Frenchman Alain Prost who had won the last three races.

Between the two — the recognised top drivers over past seasons — they have won all but one of the nine races held so far.

"We had some difficulties in the beginning because we chose the soft tyres," Senna said. "It's difficult with this heat," he said.

The race was held in hot and humid conditions.

Senna made an early pit stop for new tyres and said later the decision had been the right one, even though, despite a fast pit-stop, he lost his first place to Nannini just as he came out of the pits.

"I tried to push him (Nannini) but the engine lost some power and I couldn't get past," Senna said of the manoeuvre.

The Brazilian, however, drove a masterful race, waited his chance and speculated that Nannini too would start to lose tyre grip in the heat in the latter stages. His patience paid off and when his overtaking chance came he went on to win the race by a clear margin of 6.520 seconds.

Nannini's second place drove a wedge in between the ambitions of the two rival teams McLaren and Ferrari to take the podium places.

While Prost finished fourth, Britain's Nigel Mansell, in the second Ferrari made an ungracious exit in the 24th lap when he went off into the dust on the edge of the 'Ostcurve' on the 24th lap and retired into the pits.

Senna now leads the championship with 48 points by four points from Prost.

Disqualified
An incident on the starting straight between Frenchman Philippe Alliot and Italian Emanuele Pirro resulted in Alliot being disqualified.

Alliot's Ligier mounted Pirro's Dallara and the two cars crashed into the barrier.

Pirro was dragged from the wreck by ambulance personnel and treated at the first aid centre. He was later reported to have neck pain, but was otherwise uninjured.

Eye witnesses said Pirro's helmet bore Alliot's tyre print.

Alliot made a brief pit stop then rejoined the race but was later disqualified.

Drivers saw the yellow caution flag for the first three laps but the race was not stopped.

Nannini, obviously pleased with his second place, confirmed he had problems in the final 15 laps.

"I could hold him (Senna) off at first, and I could see that he was having difficulties trying to pass me, but then, when he did, he just surged ahead," Nannini said.

Berger was clearly disappointed with his third place and said later he couldn't expect any better because "I didn't have the best engine today — and I had under-steer problems."

Berger had performed well in training, finishing only three tenths of a second behind Senna to take second grid position. He pushed hard at the beginning of the race, knowing the two Ferraris were close behind him, but an enforced tyre change lost him the edge and he never looked like catching the front runners.

The McLaren victory at Hockenheim was not unexpected, as the circuit, with long challenging straight stretches demands both power and reliability.

Broad frustrates Middlesex

LONDON, July 29. (Reuters) Former England opener Chris Broad cracked his second century in consecutive matches yesterday as Nottinghamshire frustrated leaders Middlesex on the first day of their three-day county cricket championship match.

The 32-year-old, banned from Test cricket after taking part in the rebel tour of South Africa, hit a stylish 140 for his seventh century of the season to provide the backbone of Notts' score of 336 for eight.

Highlight
Broad struck 14 boundaries in his 314-minute stay at the crease, the highlight of which was a four-wicket partnership of 138 in 38 overs with a rather subdued Derek Randall.

Second-placed Lancashire stumbled to 95 for three off 41 overs after they had bowled Somerset out for 237.

Ian Swallow rocketed Lancashire with a spell of three for 14 in a 13-over stint. He sent back Gahan Mendis with a return catch and then had Graham Lloyd led before for a duck.

Lancashire had looked confident of pressing their title chances despite being hammered by Jimmy Cook and Peter Roebuck.

The Somerset pair hit 74 runs off 16 overs for the first wicket, with Roebuck passing 1,000 for the season.

But fast bowler Peter Martin, playing in only his fourth championship game, turned the early



Chris Broad

part of the match Lancashire's way when he trapped Cook leg before for 49 runs.

An unbroken sixth wicket stand of 170 off 60 overs between captain Phil Neale and wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes completed

Worcestershire's recovery against Kent at Canterbury.

A rescue operation was needed when they won the toss and fell to 75 for four in 20 overs. Neale and Zimbabwe's Graeme Hick added

57 off 18 overs with a high-scoring Hick hitting a superb 66.

Worcestershire were 302 for five in 97.2 overs at the close.

Scores
At Chelmsford: Sussex 274 for eight in 86.4 overs (I. Gould 73, J. Hall 62) v Essex.

At Edgbaston: Hampshire 287 for six (P. Terry 113 not out, R.



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At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 336 for eight (C. Broad 140, D. Randall 70) v Middlesex.

At Canterbury: Worcestershire 302 for five in 97.2 overs (P. Neale 101 not out, S. Rhodes 85 not out, G. Hick 66) v Kent.

At Sheffield: Leicestershire 376 for seven declared in 99 overs (L. Potter 109 not out, T. Boon 76, P. Willey 47, N. Briers 45, P. Hartley five for 106) v Yorkshire

18 for one in eight overs.

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire 301 in 103.4 overs (M. Alleyne 118, G. Hodgson 54, K. Curran 46, M. Bicknell four for 63). Surrey nine for no wicket in three overs.

At Old Trafford: Somerset 237 in 69.5 overs (R. Harden 60, J. Cook 49). Lancashire 95 for three in 41 overs.

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RESULTS of the Hubara Centre Bridge Club game held on Saturday, July 28:

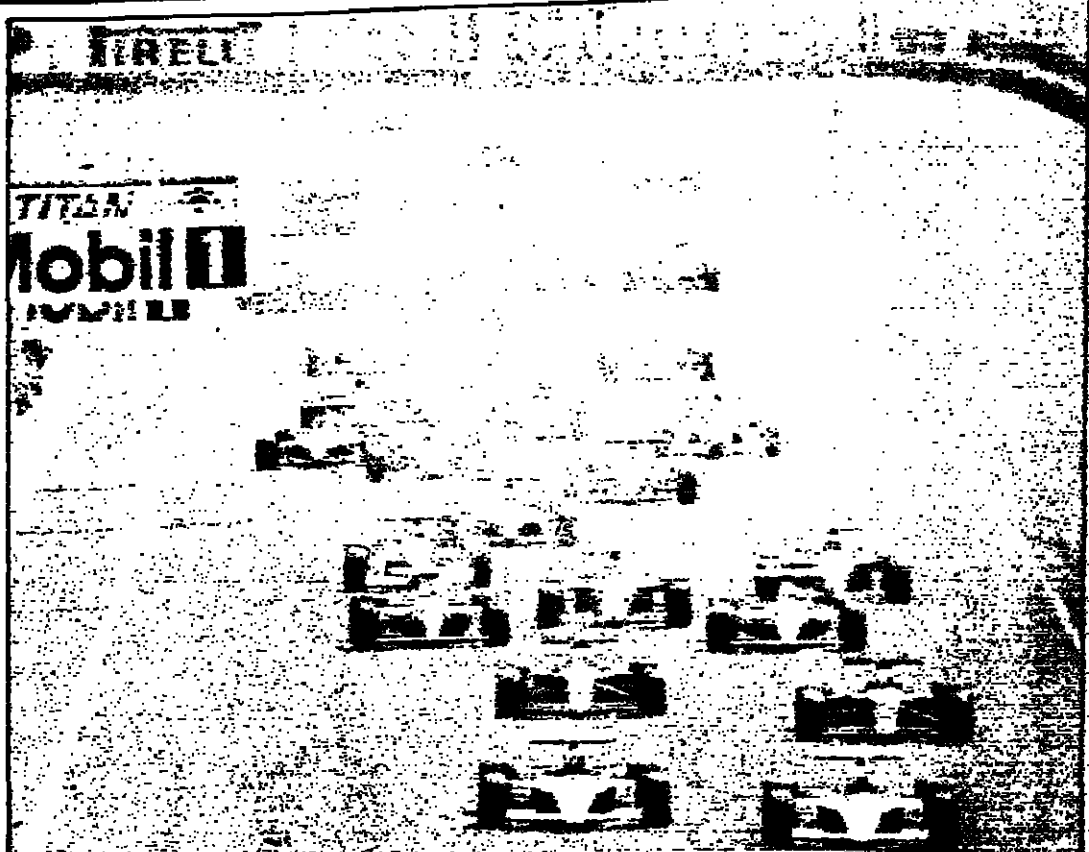
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2. Dhruva Mukerjee & Ravi Bhatt
3. John Burkle & J. Tomar



Brazilian Ayrton Senna head the field at the start of the race as a crash takes place in the rear of the field. (Reuters wirephoto)

Biasion finishes first in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, July 29. (Reuters) Lancia's Massimo Biasion of Italy, after winning his third Argentine rally yesterday, said it was next to impossible for him to become the champion driver this season and take three world titles in a row.

Biasion, world champion in 1988 and 1989, is third in this season's standings. 31 points behind Toyota's Carlos Sainz of Spain, who finished second in the 2,118 km (1,324 miles) Argentine rally.

"(It) is practically impossible that I will end up as champion this year," said Biasion in a news conference after the race of Cordoba, a city 800 km (500 miles) northwest of Buenos Aires, local news agencies reported.

The Italian, who won the Argentine rally in 1986 and 1987, took all four legs of this year's race, tallying a general timing of six hours 51 minutes and 27 seconds over 599 km (370 miles) of primes on mountain roads and motorways.

Biasion said he had made the most out of Sainz's second leg

overturn, in which the Spaniard's Toyota suffered irreparable damage.

In the previous three days Cordoba's tough terrain took its toll on the drivers, rendering gearboxes until only 29 out of a field of 107 cars finished the course.

Last year's rally was won by Mikael Ericsson, who also drove a Lancia Delta Integrale. The Swede, who did not take part in the race this year, now drives for Toyota.

Biasion, tagged "the flying Italian" by the local press, said Lancia was more interested in winning the manufacturer's world championship than the driver's title. The Italian make currently leads Toyota by 45 points.

The reigning champion announced he will undergo vertebrae surgery in the next few days, but added that he expects to race in Finland in August.

Biasion also underscored the politeness of the Argentine fans, comparing their behaviour to that of Italian soccer fans who pestered Argentines during the 1990 soccer World Cup playoffs.

Clavet fights back to take Open crown

HILVERSUM, Holland, July 29. (UPI) Spaniard Francisco Clavet came from behind to defeat Belgium-based Argentinian Eduardo Masso 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0 today to win the \$215,000 Dutch Open tennis championship in the first-ever Grand Prix final featuring a lucky loser against a qualifier.

It was the first final for both Clavet, 148th on the ATP computer, and Masso, ranked 296.

The 21-year-old Clavet, who came in as a lucky loser when Frenchman Henri Leconte withdrew through injury, was completely bewildered by Masso's variety of strokes in the opening set.

But the Spaniard then took command after qualifier Masso was troubled by the recurrence of abdominal muscle trouble.

However Masso refused to blame the injury for his defeat. "I suddenly felt exhausted. I've put so much energy in my play all week, having to beat so many players from the top 40."

Masso's victims included Yugoslav Goran Prpic, Spaniards Juan Aguilera and top-seeded Emilio Sanchez.

"I think my body just said this is enough," he said.

Edens breaks world record

BARCELONA, Spain, July 29. (Reuters) Briton Joanne Edens broke the women's world 30-metres record yesterday with a score of 357 points at the European archery championships.

The previous record of 356 points was set in 1987 by Olympic champion Kim So-nyung of South Korea.

Edens, 22, scored 89, 90, 89 and 89 points over the distance from a total of 36 arrows. She finished fifth in the final over four distances with a total of 327 points.



Michael Kinane (right) riding Belmez to victory in the Diamond Stakes at Ascot, England, on Saturday. Old Vic was second and Assatis third. (Reuters wirephoto)

Diamond Stakes



Eddie Lawson (right in the top left picture) of the United States and Tadahiko Taira of Japan spray champagne after winning the Suzuka 8-hour endurance race in Japan yesterday.

Lawson and Tadahiko win

Australia's Wayne Gardner and Michael Doohan, who clinched the pole position on Saturday, retired during the race due to fuel shortage.

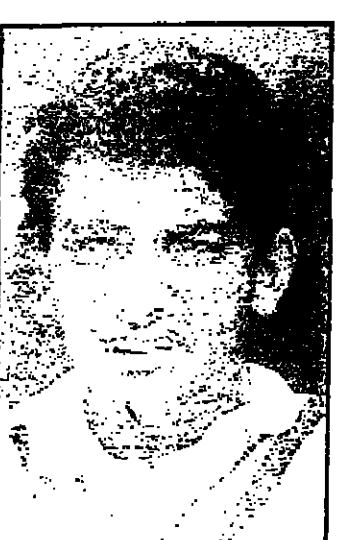
The other pairs to take part in the race included Kenichiro Iwahashi and Jun Maeda of Japan, Dominique Sarron and Alex Veira of France, Takahiro Sowa and Shoichi Tsukamoto of Japan and Shoji Miyazaki and Tadashi Oshima of Japan.

Top right: Lawson rides his Yamaha ahead of a Japanese rider.

Bottom: Gardner in action on the track before opting to retire from the event. (Reuters wirephoto)



Indians seek to avoid follow-on



Mohammed Azharuddin

LONDON, July 29. (Reuters) India's hopes of saving the high-scoring first cricket test against England hinge on avoiding the follow-on when play resumes tomorrow.

The visitors are still 78 runs away from making England bat again, but they have four wickets in hand and one of them belongs to Mohammed Azharuddin, who played a true captain's innings yesterday to finish 117 not out.

"The follow-on is the key but I feel confident we can make it as I have been timing the ball well, Kapil Dev is batting nicely and there are a couple more useful players to come," Azharuddin said.

The Indian skipper, who took just 88 balls to reach his century in India's overnight total of 376

for six, said he stood by his decision to put England in to bat last Thursday.

"There was a lot of moisture in the wicket. I knew it would be there for two hours and if we had picked up a catch from Gooch early on it would have been a very different game," he said.

Indian wicket-keeper Kiran More dropped a catch from Graham Gooch when he was on 36 and the England captain went on to make a record-breaking 333 out of his country's 653 for four declared.

England manager Micky Stewart agreed much would depend on whether India reached 454 to save the follow-on.

"We set out hoping to take seven wickets and finished up with six, so realistically you have to be satisfied," he said after yesterday's play.

"The only drawback was they managed to get 50 runs or so more than we would have wanted so it will be very interesting on Monday."

Indian opener Ravi Shastri scored a round 100 in a fine innings which included 12 fours and a magnificent six.

Dilip Vengsarkar, chasing a record fourth successive test century at Lord's, was out for 52, edging a catch off Angus Fraser to wicket-keeper Jack Russell.

But fast bowler Kapil Dev, a useful man to have batting at number eight, showed there were plenty more runs in the pitch when he pulled Devon Malcolm for three boundaries in his 14 runs before close of play.

Score: England 653 for six declared; India 376 for six.

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